

## South Dakota Department of Education Contact List for School Counselors

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Below are SD DOE staff members and relevant entities who may be beneficial for school counselors to contact for support when needed. Anyone who is not employed at the SD DOE has his/her agency noted by his/her name.

### SCHOOL COUNSELOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR SD DOE

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<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/counselors.aspx>

### ACCOUNTABILITY/SPI/4-YEAR COHORT

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### ASSESSMENT

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- Accommodations  
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- ELA and Math General Education Assessments  
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- Science General Education and Alternative Assessments  
*Chris Booth*  
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- ACCESS (EL) Assessment  
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- NAEP  
*Betsy Chapman*  
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### BRING YOUR "A" GAME ANYWHERE (VIRTUAL COURSE)

[https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/training\\_opportunities/soft\\_skills\\_training.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx)

Complete and submit [School Login Request](#)

### BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP

[builddakotascholarships.com](http://builddakotascholarships.com)

*Deni Martin (Program Manager)*

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### CAPSTONE EXPERIENCES

(See Work-Based Learning section on page 3)

### CERTIFICATION

<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/counselor.aspx> (School Counselor Certification)

<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/> (General Certification)

*Certification Office*

[certification@state.sd.us](mailto:certification@state.sd.us)

### COURSE CODES

(See High School Graduation Requirements on page 4)

### COLLEGE READINESS/REMEDIATION

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### COUNCIL ON COLLEGE ADMISSION IN SD (CCASD)

<https://sdcollegeadmissions.com>

*Shelly Lammers (CCASD)*

605-381-9534

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## CTE REGIONAL SPECIALISTS

<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/cteregions.aspx>

## DUAL CREDIT

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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(See pages 4-5)

## INFINITE CAMPUS

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## JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES (JAG)

<https://doe.sd.gov/JAG-sd/>

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## MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (MTSS)

<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/mtss.aspx>

- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)  
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- Response to Intervention (RtI)  
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## NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

<http://doe.sd.gov/nationalboard>

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## NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC)

[http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/ncrc/default.aspx](http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/ncrc/default.aspx)

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- *Hannah Resick (SD DLR)*  
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## OUR DAKOTA DREAMS

(College prep, financial aid planning, scholarship listings, and more)

[ourdakotadreams.com](http://ourdakotadreams.com)

## PERSONNEL RECORD FORM (PRF) STAFFING DATA

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## SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/>

Overview of School-Based Mental Health Providers in South Dakota:

<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/documents/Overview.pdf>

- Community-Based, Clinical Mental Health Counselors & Social Workers Liaison  
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- School Psychologists Liaison  
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- School Social Workers Liaison  
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## SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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## SD COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

[https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/cmhc\\_flyer.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/cmhc_flyer.pdf)

SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health

605-367-5236

855-878-6057

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## SD COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (SDCA)

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## SD SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (SDSCA)

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## SOUTH DAKOTA MAPPING YOUR FUTURE

[southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org](http://southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org)

Counselor Resources:

<https://southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org/featured.cfm?co de=sd&FeaturePage=5>

## **SOUTH DAKOTA MYLIFE (SDMYLIFE)**

[sdmylife.com](http://sdmylife.com)

SDMyLife Support System document:

<https://sdmylife.com/images/sdmylife-support-01.26.23.pdf>

- *Megan Tatum*  
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- *Janeen Outka (Teachwell)*  
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## **SOUTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

[sdos.sdbor.edu](http://sdos.sdbor.edu)

- *Kerri Richards (SD Board of Regents)*  
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## **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES**

[https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud\\_flyer.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud_flyer.pdf)

*SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health*

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855-878-6057

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## **SUICIDE PREVENTION**

- Suicide Prevention Stats & Resources:  
[sdsuicideprevention.org](http://sdsuicideprevention.org)
- Youth Suicide Awareness & Prevention Trainings for Educator Certification:  
<https://doe.sd.gov/suicideprevention>

## **TELEMENTAL HEALTH**

<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/documents/Telemental-0423.pdf>

- *Becky Cain*  
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- Providers Offering Telehealth Services:  
[https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency\\_co\\_unity/telehealth\\_services.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency_co_unity/telehealth_services.pdf)  
*SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health*  
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## **WAIVERS**

<https://doe.sd.gov/oatq/adminrulewaivers.aspx>

*Accreditation Office*

[doeaccred@state.sd.us](mailto:doeaccred@state.sd.us)

## **WORK-BASED LEARNING**

[careerready.sd.gov](http://careerready.sd.gov)

- Capstone Experiences  
<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/capstone.aspx>  
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- Career Ready Advisors (by SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)  
[https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/young\\_adults/wbl\\_toolkit.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/young_adults/wbl_toolkit.aspx)  
Contact your Regional Career Ready Advisor for industry connections & WBL resources.  
[https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/publications/Career%20Ready%20Advisor%20Map.pdf](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/publications/Career%20Ready%20Advisor%20Map.pdf)  
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- Registered Apprenticeships  
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- SD Week of Work  
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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<https://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements>

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- 504 Plan  
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See Regional Representative at:  
<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/>
- Advanced Computer Science Replacing a Science Elective  
<https://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements/advancedcomputerscience.aspx>  
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- Advanced Endorsements
  - Advanced, Advanced Career, and Advanced Honors Endorsements  
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  - Listing Earned Advanced Endorsements on Transcripts  
See Student Data Collections Desk Guide:  
<https://doe.sd.gov/ofm/sims.aspx>  
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- Alternative Instruction Notification (Home School)  
<https://doe.sd.gov/oatq/homeschooling.aspx>  
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- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Courses Meeting Graduation Requirements  
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- Course Requirements to Graduate  
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- Course Codes  
<https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/commoncourse.aspx>
  - Technical Assistance with Infinite Campus  
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- Course Content Standards  
<https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/>
  - Career & Technical Education (CTE)  
See Career Cluster pages:  
<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/careerclusters.aspx>
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- GED (High School Equivalency)  
[https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/high\\_school\\_equivalency/default.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/high_school_equivalency/default.aspx)  
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<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/>
- Transcripts, Listing Earned Advanced Endorsements, and Industry-Recognized Credentials  
See Student Data Collections Desk Guide:  
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