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Official Request for Accreditation/School Improvement Agency Review

This form signifies that your school district/system would like to request that the South Dakota Department of Education review a selected regional accrediting agency for approval as an accepted agency for the process of accreditation and continued school improvement.

All requests should be submitted by a school district/system administrator.

A list of the current approved accrediting agencies can be found at the following URL:
<http://www.doe.sd.gov/oatq/districtaccreditation.asp#options>

School districts/systems should expect at least 4 weeks for notice of approval from the Department of Education.

Please return this completed form in it's entirety along with all materials being submitted for the purpose of approving the desired agency.

If you have any questions regarding this process or any process dealing with accreditation and school improvement, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Best wishes!

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School Information:

School district/system name: _____

Address: _____

Name and position of submitting administrator: _____

School district/system current school improvement status: (check all that apply)

_____ Currently accredited

_____ Currently approved

_____ Currently have School Improvement Plan in place

If so, is the plan through a State or regional school improvement process? Please name:

_____ Do not currently have a form of school improvement in place

Accrediting/School Improvement Agency Information:

Agency name: _____

Address: _____

Packet submission (check one):

_____ Electronic submission (email)

_____ Hardcopy (regular mail)

Please complete the following checklist and ensure that all necessary items are included with this submission.

_____ Web URL for agency, if applicable

_____ Demonstration of affiliation or desired affiliation with agency

_____ Materials demonstrating rigorous standards set forth by agency

_____ Narrative describing and demonstrating agency accreditation/school improvement standards with those set for the by the Department of Education

_____ Indication of length and dates of the school improvement plan and cycle