

Upcoming Events

- March 20-23-PLTW Summit – Indianapolis
- March 31-April 1- HOSA State Leadership Conference – Sioux Falls
- April 7-8 Skills USA – LATI Watertown
- April 8 – Scrub’s Camp – Winner & Madison
- April 10-12 – State FFA Convention – Brookings
- April 13 – Scrub’s Camp – Rapid City
- April 18-19 – State FBLA convention – Aberdeen



What You Need to Know about Perkins

What happens to my Perkins budget request?

School district or Perkins consortium submits application to SD Department of Education

Perkins Grant Specialist accepts and assigns to Regional Specialist(s)

Regional Specialist review

Regional Specialist rejects application if budget changes need to be made
Regional Specialist accepts application if all budget items are complete and eligible

Perkins Grant Specialist Reviews Program Narrative

If incomplete, rejected.
If narrative is complete and acceptable.
If Regional Specialist rejected budget, then the application is returned to district/consortium for changes
If Regional Specialist accepts budget, then the Perkins Grant Specialist accepts the application

If the grant has been accepted by DCTE, then the application goes on to the finance office for processing.



Workforce Education Grant Applications Now Available!

The guidance/application for the NEW Workforce Education Grant is now available. Visit <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/WEG.aspx> for details.

The Workforce Education Grants provide Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in South Dakota the opportunity to make transformative change in career and technical education programs. The first rounds of grant applications are due April 1, 2016. Awards will be announced by May 2, 2016 if the Department of Education is given the authority to spend the funds.

The second round of applications are due June 3, 2016 and will be announced by June 20, 2016 (pending approval for authority to spend). Individual grant applications may be submitted by either April 1st or June 3rd, but not for both deadlines.

In 2013, the South Dakota Legislature established the Workforce Education Fund through SB 235. Part of that fund, up to \$1.5 million annually, was designated to provide grants for Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs in secondary schools.

SD EPSCoR News

SD EPSCoR is pleased to announce a partnership with Fisher Science Education to support STEM education at K-12 school districts in South Dakota. This is a joint effort intended to increase student awareness of STEM opportunities in South Dakota.

The partnership with Fisher Science Education provides discounts up to 25 percent available to all South Dakota K-12 schools on purchases of their products and expands existing awards from SD EPSCoR at regional science fairs with an additional \$7,400 each year.

SD EPSCoR recognizes teachers' efforts in both guiding students in their research as well as in the classroom, and these programs are a way to say thank you for all that they are doing to help prepare the next generation of South Dakota's scientists, engineers and mathematicians. Fisher Science Education is proud to partner with SD EPSCoR and

applauds the efforts and continued success of SD EPSCoR.

"Having a partnership with Fisher Science Education plays a key role in SD EPSCoR's efforts in expanding and supporting South Dakota schools, especially our rural and tribal schools who have limited funding for classroom materials and supplies to further students understanding of STEM," said Phillip Huebner, SD EPSCoR Director of STEM Partnerships.

The discount is available to all South Dakota K-12 schools on purchases made with Fisher Science Education. In order to take advantage of the discount, the schools will need to have their account set up by contacting Kim Wilk at 630-259-4756.

For more information, contact Phillip Huebner at Phillip.Huebner@sdstate.edu or (605) 688-6475.



Help Wanted: Work Group Members Needed

The Division of Career & Technical Education invites CTE teachers, counselors, and district administrators to participate in a summer work group to un-pack newly revised CTE standards revision work this summer.

In May 2016, CTE standards in the following Career Clusters will be up for adoption before the SD Board of Education:

- Architecture & Construction
- Education & Training
- Foundations of CTE
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections
- STEM

If these standards are adopted, the newly adopted standards will be unpacked in order to provide educators with additional guidance and resources on how to implement the new standards.

The Department of Education is seeking 20-25 members per Career Cluster to develop materials that assist educators in transitioning to the newly revised content standards. Meeting dates are scheduled for July 18-20, 2016 in Pierre. Additional meetings may be held online as needed following the in-person sessions.

The deadline to apply for this work group is April 15, 2016. Applicants will be notified by the Department of Education in early May if they have been selected to participate in the work group.

Participants will be compensated for their time at a rate of \$25/hour for up to six eight-hour days. Meals, mileage, and lodging will also be reimbursed at state rates.

Please visit <https://goo.gl/U8J8or> to apply to participate in the work group.



State HOSA secretary and Harrisburg High School HOSA president, Manaal Ali, has been chosen to represent South Dakota as a delegate to the 54th annual United States Senate Youth Program. Manaal was chosen based off of a competitive, merit-based program that brings 104 of the most outstanding high school students to Washington, D.C. for a week-long

study. During her experience in the “Capital City”, she will learn more about the federal government and meet the people who lead it.

Additionally, Manaal has been selected as a 2016 Coca-Cola Scholar. After a long application process, countless essays, and an interview, she was selected as one of the 150 from a pool of over 87,000 applicants! Along with an all-expenses-paid trip to Atlanta, Georgia, she will be receiving \$20,000 to help pay for her college tuition.

She is very thankful for the opportunities she’s been granted and looks forward to using them to learn, excel, and give back to her local community.

DCTE Happenings

In addition to our work as regional specialists, such as processing Perkins applications, coordinating standards revision committees, and providing customer service to our CTE teachers and programs, the Division of Career and Technical Education works hard to keep up to date with what’s going on in the world of business and industry. This is so we can promote and provide professional development opportunities for schools, teachers and students that engage the most up to date career demands and business and industry needs. Over the past several months, our division has been privileged enough to tour multiple businesses across the state, including: Aquatech in Tea, St. Luke’s Hospital in Aberdeen, Trail King

in Mitchell, Black Hills Federal Credit Union and Prairie Berry Winery in Rapid City, Bel Brands, 3M, and Daktronics, in Brookings, Rosenbauer in Lyons, Madison Regional Health, Sanford Health and Factor 360 in Sioux Falls, and the South Dakota Women’s Prison in Pierre, just to name a few. Our goal is to continue exploring what South Dakota business and industry has to offer, and helping its teachers, schools and students make meaningful connections through career exploration. If you are familiar with an industry partner that would be interested in providing a tour, please contact kara.schweitzer@state.sd.us. Additionally, if our office can help connect you with a specific business, or you’d like to join us on our tours, please let us know!



In The News

- Sturgis Brown High School holds 9th Annual Career Fair (YouTube)
- Cindy Gerlach, CTE Teacher, named Mitchell Teacher of the Year
- Young Women Experiment with Science Careers
- Mitchell Tech Instructor to Receive State’s Highest Culinary Honor

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