

## South Dakota Department of Education Contact List for School Counselors Updated: July 2025

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

[DOE.Accountability@state.sd.us](mailto:DOE.Accountability@state.sd.us)

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### ACT TEST PREP (METHODIZE)

<https://sdmylife.com/preparing-for-college/methodize>

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### ADMINISTRATIVE RULE WAIVERS

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

*Accreditation Office*

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

### ASSESSMENT

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

- Accommodations  
*Beth Schiltz*  
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- ACT Assessments  
*Sabrina Johnson*  
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- ELA and Math General Education Assessments  
*Rebecca Frerichs*  
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### ASSESSMENT (CONTINUED)

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- Science General Education and Alternate Assessments  
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- NAEP  
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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

<https://sdbehavioralhealth.gov>

SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health (DBH)

605-367-5236, 855-878-6057

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

- Community Mental Health Centers (DBH)  
[https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/cmhc\\_flyer.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/cmhc_flyer.pdf)
- 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  
*Andrea Effling*  
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  - School Social Workers Liaison  
*Kristin Larson*  
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- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services (DBH)  
[https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud\\_flyer.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud_flyer.pdf)
- Suicide Prevention
  - Stats & Resources:  
[sdsuicideprevention.org](https://sdsuicideprevention.org)
  - Youth Suicide Awareness & Prevention Trainings for Educators:  
<https://doe.sd.gov/suicideprevention>
- Telemental Health  
<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/documents/Telemental-0725.pdf>
  - *Andrea Effling*  
605-220-3813  
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  - Providers Offering Telehealth Services:  
[https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency\\_county/telehealth\\_services.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency_county/telehealth_services.pdf)

## BRING YOUR 'A' GAME ANYWHERE (eLEARNING 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)

<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/renewal.aspx> (Certification Renewal)

*Certification Office*

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

## COURSE CODES

(See High School Graduation Requirements on page 4)

## COUNCIL ON COLLEGE ADMISSION IN SD (CCASD)

<https://sdcollegeadmissions.com>

*Shelly Lammers (CCASD)*

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## CTE REGIONAL SPECIALISTS

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

## DUAL CREDIT

<https://ourdakotadreams.com/high-school/dual-credit/>

*Tracia Rentsch*

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## HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY (GED)

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

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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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## **MAPPING YOUR FUTURE**

(resources and trainings related to financial aid and career & college preparation)

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

Counselor Resources: <https://tinyurl.com/ypyeus7r>

[feedback@mappingyourfuture.org](mailto:feedback@mappingyourfuture.org)

800-374-4072

## **MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (MTSS)**

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

- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) and Response to Intervention (RtI)

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## **NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION**

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

*Allison Englund*

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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 COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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## **SD COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (SDCA)**

[sdcounseling.org](http://sdcounseling.org)

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## **SD SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (SDSCA)**

[sd.schoolcounselors.com](http://sd.schoolcounselors.com)

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

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

SDMyLife Support System document:

<https://sdmylife.com/educators>

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## **SOUTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

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

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## **WORK-BASED LEARNING**

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

- Capstone Experiences  
<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/capstone.aspx>  
*Melissa Ettswold*  
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- Education and Industry Connections  
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- Registered Apprenticeships  
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- SD Week of Work  
<https://weekofwork.sd.gov/>
- WBL, SD Week of Work  
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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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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>  
*Hayley Miller*  
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- Advanced Endorsements
  - Advanced, Advanced Career, and Advanced Honors Endorsements  
*Tracia Rentsch*  
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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)  
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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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- Core Content Alignment  
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- CTE Course Alignment  
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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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- High School Equivalency (GED)  
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- Industry-Recognized Credentials  
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- Online High School Courses (not dual credit)  
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- Special Education (SPED) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)  
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See Regional Representative at:  
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- Transcripts, Listing Earned Advanced Endorsements, and Industry-Recognized Credentials  
See Student Data Collections Desk Guide:  
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