

South Dakota Department of Education

Contact Sheet for School Counselors



Below are SD DOE staff members and relevant entities that 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.

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- Science General Education and Alternative Assessments
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Bring Your "A" Game to Work

https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx

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Build Dakota Scholarship

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Capstone Experiences

(Entrepreneurship Experience, Senior Experience, Service Learning, Youth Internship, Youth Apprenticeship)

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Career Camps

<https://sdmylife.com/prepping-for-career/career-camps>

Megan Tatum
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Career Launch (includes SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation Career Advisors)

<https://careerlaunchsd.com/>
Aaron Morlock
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Certification

<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/courselor.aspx> (School Counselor Certification)
<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/certification@state.sd.us> (General Certification)
Certification Office

Course Codes

<https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/commoncourse.aspx>
Division of Learning & Instruction
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(see page 3)

CPR Requirement

Division of Learning & Instruction
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College Readiness/Remediation

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Council on College Admission in South Dakota (CCASD)

<https://sdcollegeadmissions.com/>
Joann Huber (CCASD)
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CTE Regional Specialists

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

Dual Credit

<https://sdmylife.com/prepping-for-college/dual-credit>
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Freedom Scholarship

<https://www.freedomshipssd.com>

High School Graduation Requirements

(see page 3)

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

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Our Dakota Dreams (Prep for Postsecondary & Financial Aid)

<https://ourdakotadreams.com>

Parent & Counselor Resources:

<https://ourdakotadreams.com/why-college/parents/>

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

SD Dept. of Social Services - Division of Behavioral Health

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SD Counseling Association (SDCA)

<https://sdcounseling.org>

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SD School Counselor Association (SDSCA)

<https://sdschoolcounselors.com>

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South Dakota Mapping Your Future

<https://southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org/>

Counselor Resources:

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

South Dakota MyLife (SDMyLife)

<https://sdmylife.com/>

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South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship

<https://sdos.sdbor.edu>

- Kerri Richards (SD Board of Regents)
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South Dakota Virtual School (SDVS)

www.sdvs.k12.sd.us

Division of Learning & Instruction

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Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud_flyer.pdf

SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health

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Suicide Prevention

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

Telemental Health

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

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- Providers Offering Telehealth Services:
https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency_county/telehealth_services.pdf
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Waivers

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

Accreditation Office

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Work-Based Learning (WBL) <http://doe.sd.gov/cte/wbl.aspx>

- WBL, Week of Work and Capstone Experiences
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- Apprenticeships
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Aaron Morlock (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)
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- Week of Work
<https://sdweekofwork.com>
- Youth Labor Laws
https://dlr.sd.gov/employment_laws/youth_employment.aspx

High School Graduation Requirements <https://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements>

- 18 Compulsory School Age
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See Regional Representative at:
<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/>
- Advanced Computer Science Replacing a Science Elective
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- Advanced Endorsements
 - Advanced, Advanced Career & 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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- 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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 - CTE Course Alignment
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 - Dual Credit
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- Course Content Standards
 - Career & Technical Education (CTE)
See Career Cluster pages:
https://doe.sd.gov/cte/career_clusters.aspx
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- End-of-Course Exam Waivers
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- GED (High School Equivalency)
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- Industry-Recognized Credentials
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- Online High School Courses (not dual credit)
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- Teacher/Educator Certification
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