

Statewide Mentoring Program Overview

South Dakota Department of Education

Mentors



245 Mentor Survey Responses



20 Mentor Focus Group Attendees

New Teachers



278 New Teacher Survey Responses



21 New Teacher Focus Group Attendees

Support of Program



93% of Mentors would again mentor a New Teacher



98% of Mentors would recommend a colleague mentor a new teacher



95% of Mentors agreed that the program helped them enhance their own professional practice

Program Appreciation



91% of New Teachers agreed the program helped them in solving problems



91% of New Teachers agreed that the program helped them feel less isolated



88% of New Teachers agreed the mentoring program increased their confidence in teaching

*"The mentoring program **positively impacted me** and my teaching because it allowed me to **reflect and reevaluate** my teaching from a new perspective." - Mentor*



*"I believe I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for the mentoring program. **My mentor has been there for me both professionally and personally** and has helped me through some emotional times in my classroom." - New Teacher*

Program Connections



97% of Mentors indicated they learned new concepts and ideas from their New Teacher



89% of Mentors indicated their New Teacher came to them for advice outside of scheduled visits

Support for New Teachers



95% of New Teachers indicated they benefited from the mentoring program



93% of New Teachers felt engaged and supported by a professional community.

For more information about the South Dakota Department of Education's Statewide Mentoring Program, visit: www.doe.sd.gov/mentoring/