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CHAPTER 24:28:01

DEFINITIONS

Section

24:28:01:01 Meaning of terms.

24:28:01:01. Meaning of terms. Terms used in this article mean:

(1) "Administrator," an individual who completes an approved program for principals or school superintendents at an accredited institution or an alternative certification program and is issued a certificate;

(2) "Alternative certification," an alternative process of completing teacher or administrator certification requirements while simultaneously employed as a teacher or administrator in a public or department-accredited school;

(3) "Applicant," an individual applying for an initial or renewed educator certificate;

(4) "Approved foreign transcript evaluation agency," an agency approved by the Association of International Credential Evaluators or the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services to conduct foreign credential evaluation services;

(5) "Approved program," courses and experiences requiring completion of a degree with a major or its equivalent that meets preparation standards of article 24:53 or an educational preparation program delivered by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education that meets the preparation standards of another state's educational agency;

(6) "Associates degree," a minimum of forty-eight (48) college credit hours from a regionally-accredited or state-approved institution;

(7) "Bachelor's degree," a postsecondary degree awarded to an individual after completion of undergraduate coursework usually taking 120 credits to complete;

(8) "Board," the South Dakota Board of Education;

(9) "Categorical special education endorsement," an endorsement that allows the certificate holder to perform services for students in one or more specified disability categories, but does not qualify the endorsement holder to provide generalized special education services for all students;

(10) "CEO," a chief executive officer of a school or district;

(11) "Certificate," recognition by the Secretary of Education that authorizes the holder to perform educational services;

(12) "Continuing education contact hour," one clock hour documented by participation in an educational professional development opportunity;

(13) "Corps member," a recent college graduate who commits two years to teaching in a low-income rural or urban community through participation in the Teach for America program;

(14) "Credit," the equivalent of 15 continuing education contact hours;

(15) "Date of issuance," the date certification requirements are met and the certificate is issued by the department;

(16) "Department," the South Dakota Department of Education;

(17) "Department-accredited school," any school, public or private, issued accreditation by the South Dakota Department of Education pursuant to article 24:43;

(18) "Designated recommending official," the official from an accredited institution with approved education programs who is authorized to verify completion of preparation requirement and recommend certification;

(19) "Dual credit course," university or postsecondary technical institute courses taught in high schools to eligible, enrolled students by university or postsecondary technical institute instructors, and offering the opportunity to receive both high school and postsecondary credit upon completion;

(20) "Education specialist," an individual who serves as a school counselor, school psychologist, school psychological examiner, curriculum director, special education director, mentor teacher, mentor school counselor, technology integrationist, or technology coordinator, and is issued a certificate;

(21) "Educator," a person employed by a school or school district in a position requiring a certificate;

(22) "Educator permit," a certificate that restricts the holder to the endorsement indicated on the certificate;

(23) "Endorsement," the content and subject areas in which the educator is certified;

(24) "Leadership role," work experience in which an individual's assignment in the organization is designated as a position of authority with responsibility for regulating the relationships between and among people;

(25) "Major in content," a minimum of 27 semester hours of coursework, with a grade point average of 2.7 or higher, that count toward completion of the degree, not including remedial coursework, from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education taken in a subject area as identified on an official transcript or verified by the institution of higher education from which the degree was received;

(26) "Mentor," an educator who provides support and assistance to other educators;

(27) "Military spouse," an applicant who holds a valid certificate issued by another state or the District of Columbia and left employment to accompany his or her spouse to South Dakota in the event the spouse is a member of the armed forces of the United States and is the subject of a military transfer to South Dakota;

(28) "National Board for Professional Teaching Standards," a nationally-recognized certification program for teachers which recognizes accomplished teaching through national board certification through assessment of content knowledge, reflection on student work samples, video and analysis of teaching practice, and documentation of the impact of assessment and collaboration on student learning;

(29) "Non-categorical special education endorsement," an endorsement that allows the certificate holder to provide generalized special education services to all students;

~~(30) "Paraprofessional," an employee who works under the direct supervision of a certified teacher in a school or district whose responsibilities include supporting the lesson plan of the licensed teacher, providing technical assistance to the teacher, helping with classroom control or management, and other duties as assigned;~~

(30) "Pedagogical knowledge," an understanding of learning, human development, professional ethics, motivational techniques, cultural and individual differences, instructional strategies, classroom management, and assessment strategies that impact the learner;

(31) "Preparation," the type of educational preparation an educator has completed to meet certification requirements. This includes traditional teacher or administrator preparation programs and alternative pathways to certification;

~~(33)~~(32) "Professional development plan," a plan submitted to the department by an applicant completing administrator alternative certification, describing how the applicant will demonstrate evidence of meeting requirements for alternative administrator certification;

~~(34)~~(33) "Provisional status certificate," a one-year certificate issued to an out-of-state educator in order for the educator to complete the course requirements for South Dakota Indian studies;

~~(35)~~(34) "Reciprocal certification," the process by which the Secretary recognizes an educator certificate issued by another state and issues an equivalent South Dakota certificate;

~~(36)~~(35) "Regionally-accredited institution of higher education," a college or university accredited by the official accrediting agency of the state in which the institution is located, or an accredited postsecondary institution or program recognized by the United States Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education;

~~(37)~~(36) "School year," July 1 through June 30;

~~(38)~~(37) "Secretary," the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education;

~~(39)~~(38) "Self-contained classroom," a classroom in which one teacher provides instruction in multiple subjects to the same pupils for the majority of the pupil's instructional day;

~~(40)~~(39) "Specialized learning experience," an education-related learning experience that incorporates the applicant's occupational field and teaching area and is not obtained through academic coursework or continuing education;

~~(41)~~(40) "State-approved mentoring program," a state or district mentoring program recognized by the department;

~~(42)~~(41) "State-designated content test," the assessment of content knowledge used to meet certification requirements with passing scores established by the board;

~~(43)~~(42) "State-designated coursework," required coursework within a content area used to meet certification requirements as specified by the department;

~~(44)~~(43) "State-designated pedagogy test," the assessment of pedagogical knowledge used to meet certification requirements with passing scores established by the board;

~~(45)~~(44) "Teach For America," a national teacher corps that recruits recent college graduates to commit two years to teach in low-income rural and urban communities;

~~(46)~~(45) "Teacher," an individual who completes an approved teacher education program at an accredited institution or an alternative certification program, and is issued a certificate;

~~(47)~~(46) "Teacher education program," an educational preparation program delivered by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education;

~~(48)~~(47) "Temporary certificate," a one-year certificate issued to an applicant with an expired certificate who requires one year to complete the renewal requirements for a valid certificate;

~~(49)~~(48) "Transcribed credits," graduate or undergraduate credit issued by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education and documented on an official transcript; and

~~(50)~~(49) "Valid certificate," a certificate which has not expired or become invalid.

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General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

Law Implemented: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

CHAPTER 24:28:09

EDUCATOR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

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24:28:09:01. Permit for assignment required. A person employed in the following areas is required to hold a valid educator permit for the position to which the person is assigned:

- (1) K-12 Native American Lakota, Dakota, Nakota language and culture expert;
- (2) K-12 eminent scholar Lakota, Dakota, Nakota language and culture expert;
- (3) Performing artist;
- (4) Expert lecturer;
- (5) International teacher;
- (6) Drivers education instructor;
- (7) American Sign Language instructor;
- (8) Braille education instructor;
- ~~(9) Paraprofessional;~~
- ~~(10)~~(9) CEO; and
- ~~(11)~~(10) CTE instructor permit.

Source: 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

Law Implemented: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

24:28:09:04. Types of educator permits. Educator permits include:

- (1) K-12 Native American Lakota, Dakota, Nakota language and culture;
- (2) K-12 eminent scholar Lakota, Dakota, Nakota language;
- (3) Performing artist;
- (4) Junior ROTC;
- (5) Expert lecturer;
- (6) Athletic coaching;
- (7) International teacher;
- (8) Drivers education instructor;
- (9) American sign language instructor;
- (10) Braille education;
- ~~(11) Paraprofessional;~~
- ~~(12)~~(11) School business official;
- ~~(13)~~(12) CEO; and
- ~~(14)~~(13) CTE instructor.

Source: 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

Law Implemented: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

24:28:09:28. Paraprofessional permit. ~~Effective July 1, 2019, the paraprofessional permit is required for an employee assigned to assist and support teachers or other approved professional personnel. The paraprofessional permit is a five-year renewable permit limited to the job responsibilities in subdivision § 24:28:09:31 and categorized as:~~

- ~~(1) Standard paraprofessional; or~~

~~(2) Advanced paraprofessional Repealed.~~

Source: 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

General Authority: ~~SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.~~

Law Implemented: ~~SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.~~

24:28:09:29. Standard paraprofessional permit eligibility requirements. ~~The standard paraprofessional permit is issued to an applicant who:~~

- ~~(1) Holds a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent, or~~
- ~~(2) Is at least 18 years of age and passed the state approved paraprofessional assessment~~

Repealed.

Source: 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

General Authority: ~~SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.~~

Law Implemented: ~~SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.~~

24:28:09:30. Advanced paraprofessional permit eligibility requirements. ~~The advanced paraprofessional permit is issued to an applicant who:~~

- ~~(1) Holds an associate's degree or higher;~~
- ~~(2) Completes 48 semester hours at a regionally accredited institution of higher education;~~

~~or~~

~~(3) Holds a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent and passes the state-designated paraprofessional assessment Repealed.~~

Source: 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

General Authority: ~~SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.~~

~~**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.~~

24:28:09:31. Job responsibilities of a standard and advanced paraprofessional

~~permit. Standard and advanced paraprofessionals may provide the following services:~~

~~(1) Assistance with classroom management, including organizing instructional and other materials;~~

~~(2) Provide instructional assistance in a computer laboratory;~~

~~(3) Conduct parental involvement activities;~~

~~(4) Provide support in a library or media center;~~

~~(5) Act as a translator for students who speak a foreign language;~~

~~(6) Supervise students during library periods, study halls, lunch hour, and other times not counted as part of the students' instructional day; or~~

~~(7) Provide instructional support to students while working in close and frequent proximity to and under direct supervision of the teacher Repealed.~~

Source: 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

General Authority: ~~SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.~~

~~**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.~~

24:28:09:32. Limitations on a paraprofessional permit. ~~A paraprofessional may not develop a lesson plan but may utilize the lesson plan developed by the supervising teacher Repealed.~~

Source: 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

General Authority: ~~SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.~~

~~**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.~~

CHAPTER 24:28:17
CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

Section

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24:28:17:25. Renewable educator permits. Renewable educator permits include:

- (1) Native American Lakota, Dakota, Nakota language and culture;
- (2) Eminent scholar Lakota, Dakota, Nakota language and culture;
- (3) Junior reserve officers' training corps (ROTC);
- (4) Expert lecturer;
- (5) Athletic coaching;
- (6) Drivers education;
- (7) American Sign Language;
- (8) Braille education;
- ~~(9) Paraprofessional;~~
- ~~(10)~~ (9) School business official;
- ~~(11)~~ (10) CEO;
- ~~(12)~~ (11) CTE instructor; and

~~(13)~~ (12) Performing artist permit.

Source: 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

Law Implemented: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

24:28:17:26. Renewal requirements for educator permits. Each educator permit found in § 24:28:17:25 (1) through ~~(12)~~(11) is valid for five years. The applicant for a qualifying five-year renewed educator permit shall:

(1) Verify completion of a minimum of one clock hour of suicide awareness and prevention training; and

(2) Complete three education-related credits including transcribed credits; specialized learning experience hours; or continuing education contact hours.

The requirements of this rule do not apply to renewal of an athletic coaching permit.

Athletic coaching permit renewal requirements are found in § 24:28:17:27.

Source: 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

General Authority: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3, 13-42-71.

Law Implemented: SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-42-71, 13-42-72, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.