

South Dakota Board of Education
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held at MacKay Building, First Floor, Library Commons, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota on July 21, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. CDT, to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules in chapter 24:05:24.01 (eligibility criteria - autism spectrum disorder) and section 24:55:01:01(37) (“students with disabilities” accountability definition).

The effect of changes to chapter 24:05:24.01 (eligibility criteria - autism spectrum disorder) is to update terminology, criteria, and other requirements regarding the definition and evaluation of autism spectrum disorder, to reference the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, and to repeal sections already covered by other comprehensive evaluation rules. The reason for these changes is to comply with new legislation, requirements, and best practices, and to clean up and streamline certain provisions.

The effect of changes to section 24:55:01:01(37) (“students with disabilities” accountability definition) is to make the definition of “students with disabilities” in the accountability rules consistent with the definition in the special education rules. The reason for this change is to clean up and streamline the rules.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to: ATTN: Ferne Haddock, South Dakota Department of Education, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota 57501; or at this website: <https://rules.sd.gov/default.aspx>. Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Education by July 18, 2014, to be considered.

At the hearing, the board will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The board may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Education at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-3553.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the South Dakota Department of Education, Attn: Ferne Haddock, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota 57501 or at this website: <http://www.doe.sd.gov/board/index.aspx>

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