

OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION RULES

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Certification Rule	Description
<p><i>Name of Certificate</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate will be referred to as an Educator Certificate.
<p><i>Meaning of Terms</i> 24:28:01:01</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Administrator" means an individual who completes an approved program for principals or school superintendents at an accredited institution or completes an alternative certification program and is issued a certificate; • "Alternative certification" means 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; • "Applicant" means an individual applying for an initial or renewed educator certificate; • "Approved foreign transcript evaluation agency" means an agency approved by the Association of International Credential Evaluators or the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services to conduct foreign credential evaluation services; • "Approved program" means courses and experiences requiring completion of a degree with a major or its equivalent, which meets the preparation standards of article 24:53, or an educational preparation program delivered by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education, which meets the preparation standards of another state's educational agency; • "Associate degree" means a minimum of forty-eight (48) college credit hours from a regionally-accredited or state-approved institution; • "Bachelor's degree" means a postsecondary degree awarded to an individual after completion of undergraduate coursework approximating 120 credits; • "Board" means the South Dakota Board of Education Standards; • "Categorical special education endorsement" means an endorsement that allows the certificate holder to perform services for students in one or more specified disability categories, but does not qualify the certificate holder to provide generalized special education services for all students; • "CEO" means a chief executive officer of a school or district; • "Certificate" means a recognition by the Secretary of Education that authorizes the holder to perform educational services;

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- "Continuing education contact hour" means one hour documented by participation in an educational professional development opportunity;
- "Corps member" means 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;
- "Credit" means the equivalent of 15 continuing education contact hours;
- "Date of issuance" means the date certification requirements are met and the certificate is issued by the department;
- "Department" means the South Dakota Department of Education;
- "Department-accredited school" means any public or private school, issued accreditation by the department pursuant to article [24:43](#);
- "Designated recommending official" means the official from an accredited institution with approved education programs who is authorized to verify completion of preparation requirement and recommend certification;
- "Dual credit course" means 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;
- "Education specialist" means 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;
- "Educator" means a person employed by a school or school district in a position requiring a certificate;
- "Educator permit" means a type of certificate that restricts the holder to the endorsement indicated on the certificate;
- "Endorsement" means the content and subject areas in which the educator is certified;
- "Leadership role" means 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;

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- "Major in content" means a minimum of 27 semester hours of coursework, with a grade point average of 2.7 or higher, which 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;
- "Mentor" means an educator who provides support and assistance to other educators;
- "Military personnel and spouse" means an applicant who holds a valid certificate issued by another state or the District of Columbia and is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States or the spouse of an active duty member and is the subject of a military transfer to South Dakota;
- "National Board for Professional Teaching Standards" means a nationally-recognized certification program for teachers, which recognizes accomplished teaching 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;
- "Non-categorical special education endorsement" means an endorsement that allows the certificate holder to provide generalized special education services to all students;
- "Pedagogical knowledge" means 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;
- "Preparation" means 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;
- "Professional development plan" means 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;

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- "Provisional status certificate" means 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;
- "Reciprocal certification" means the process by which the Secretary recognizes an educator certificate issued by another state and issues an equivalent South Dakota certificate;
- "Regionally-accredited institution of higher education" means 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;
- "School year" means July 1 through June 30;
- "Secretary" means the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education or the secretary's designee;
- "Self-contained classroom" means a classroom in which one teacher provides instruction in multiple subjects to the same students for the majority of the student's instructional day;
- "Specialized learning experience" means 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;
- "State-approved mentoring program" means a state or district mentoring program recognized by the department;
- "State-designated content test" means the assessment of content knowledge used to meet certification requirements with passing scores established by the board;
- "State-designated coursework" means required coursework within a content area used to meet certification requirements, as specified by the department;
- "State-designated pedagogy test" means the assessment of pedagogical knowledge used to meet certification requirements, with passing scores established by the board;
- "Teach For America" means a national teacher corps that recruits recent college graduates to commit two years to teach in low-income rural and urban communities;

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- "Teacher" means an individual who completes an approved teacher education program at an accredited institution or completes an alternative certification program, and is issued a certificate;
- "Teacher education program" means an educational preparation program delivered by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education;
- "Temporary certificate" means a one-year certificate issued to an applicant with an invalid educator certificate who requires one year to complete the renewal requirements for a valid certificate;
- "Transcribed credit" means graduate or undergraduate credit on a semester system, issued by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education and documented on an official transcript;
- "Valid certificate" means a certificate that has not become invalid;
- "Inactive certificate" means a certificate issued to a certificate holder with a valid certificate, who is not acting as an educator and requests the certificate become inactive for a period of five years;
- "Interim certificate" means a one-year certificate issued to an applicant with an inactive certificate who requires one year to complete the requirements for a valid certificate;
- "Temporary military certificate" means a certificate issued to a military personnel and spouse;
- "Teacher of record" means a teacher who develops the lesson plans and delivers the instruction to students; and
- "Long-term substitute" means:
 - (A) An individual acting as a teacher of record for no more than 45 cumulative school days in a vacant teaching position while a school district pursues a contract for a teacher: or
 - (B) An individual acting as a teacher of record for more than 45 cumulative school days when a teacher is on a temporary leave of absence, if:
 - (1) The teacher's leave of absence is granted pursuant to the "Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993," 29 U.S.C. § 2601, et seq. by the school; or
 - (2) The individual has a valid or inactive teaching certificate.

Certification Rule	Description
<p><i>Certificate Contents</i> 24:28:02:01</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate Status • Certificate Level • Certificate Type • Preparation Type • Endorsement • Effective date of educator certificate • Expiration date of educator certificate
<p><i>Certificate Status</i> 24:28:02:02</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid • Expired • Invalid • Temporary • Provisional • Inactive • Interim
<p><i>Certificate Level</i> 24:28:02:03</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional • Advanced
<p><i>Certificate Type</i> 24:28:02:04</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher • Administrator • Education Specialist • Educator Permit • Alternative
<p><i>Preparation Type</i> 24:28:02:05</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood • Elementary • Secondary • Career and Technical Education (CTE) • K-12 • Early Childhood Special Education • K-12 Special Education • Superintendent • K-12 Principal • Education Specialist • Alternative Preparation • Educator Permit

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<p><i>Duration and Expiration of Certificates</i> 24:28:03</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuance – valid from the date of issuance. • Certificates expire June 30th of the year of expiration. • Certificates become invalid October 1st of the year of expiration if all renewal requirements are not completed. • Invalid certificates may not be renewed until all invalid requirements for applicable certificate type are met. • Hardship modification – allows DOE to extend the expiration date of the certificate without penalty for one year if it is determined there is good cause.
<p><i>Application, Termination and Withdrawal of Application</i> 24:28:04</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete appropriate application and pay fee. • Complete a minimum of one clock hour of suicide awareness and prevention training (new statutory requirement). • Application is invalid 365 days after the date of the application if all requirements have not been met. • An applicant may submit a written request to withdraw an application for good cause.
<p><i>Fees</i> 24:28:05</p>	<p>\$35 One Year Out of State Provisional Certificate \$20 Two Year Alternative Preliminary Certificate \$60 Five Year Initial Certificate \$60 Renewal (includes 5-year teacher, administrator, education specialist, or a temporary renewal certificate for those who allowed their certificate to become invalid) Applicants may also add endorsements, request a certification conversion from professional to advanced, and update demographic information for no cost during the renewal</p> <p>\$25 Initial or Renewal Educator Permit \$25 One Year Alternative Certification Certificate \$35 Adding an endorsement(s) based on state-designated test \$50 Adding an endorsement(s) based on transcript analysis \$25 Duplicate certificate or conversion to professional or advanced certificate not during renewal \$25 Inactive Educator Certificate \$100 Invalid educator certificate - penalty fee (The fee for an invalid educator certificate shall be in addition to the renewal fee.) \$25 Paper Application (covers administrative processing costs)</p>

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<p><i>Teacher Certificate Requirements 24:28:06</i></p>	<p>Initial certification requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. • Complete a teacher education program from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education. • Complete South Dakota Indian Studies. • Receive a passing score on state-designated pedagogy test. • Provide written recommendation from a regionally accredited institution of higher education verifying program completion. • Applicants from a foreign country must provide a transcript evaluation completed by an approved agency. • Staff employed as an instructor at a university or postsecondary technical institute is exempt from the requirement of holding a teaching certificate when teaching dual credit courses.
	<p>Certificate Levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional – new teacher. • Advanced – 5 or more years of teaching experience and an advanced degree in an education-related field or national board certification.
	<p>Length of Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five year certificate.
	<p>Preparation Types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Preparation (Birth - grade 3). • Elementary Preparation (K – grade 8). • Secondary Preparation (Grades 5-12). • Career and Technical Education Preparation (grades 7-12). • K-12 Preparation (K-12 areas such as music, art, health, etc.) • Early Childhood SPED Preparation (Birth - grade 3 SPED setting). • K-12 SPED (may teach in K-12 special education setting). • <i>Removing K-8 Special Education.</i> • <i>Middle level preparation will no longer be required.</i>

Certification Rule	Description
Administrator Certificate Requirements 24:28:07	<p>Initial certification requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. • Complete a school superintendent or principal program from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education. • Complete South Dakota Indian Studies. • Provide written recommendation from a regionally accredited institution of higher education verifying completion of the approved program. • Applicants from a foreign country must provide a transcript evaluation completed by an approved agency.
	<p>Certificate Levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional – new administrator. • Advanced – Education Specialist Degree of higher.
	<p>Length of Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five-year certificate.
	<p>Preparation Types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Superintendent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eligible to be a school superintendent or assistant superintendent in an educational setting from early childhood through grade 12. A school superintendent preparation is issued to a person meeting the requirements of § 24:53:08:03 • K-12 Principal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eligible to be a school principal or assistant principal in an education setting from early childhood through grade 12. A K-12 principal preparation is issued to a person meeting the requirements of § 24:53:08:02. <p>Alternative administrator certification. Issued pursuant to chapter 24:28:15</p>

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<p><i>Education Specialist Certificate Requirements</i> 24:28:08</p>	<p>Initial certification requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. • Complete an approved program or coursework from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education. • Provide written recommendation from a regionally accredited institution of higher education verifying completion of the approved program. • Applicants from a foreign country must provide a transcript evaluation completed by an approved agency.
	<p>Certificate Levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
	<p>Length of certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five-year certificate.
	<p>Certificate areas (Functions like a Preparation)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Director (curriculum director preparation).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Counselor (school counselor preparation).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Psychologist (school psychologist preparation).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Director (SPED director preparation).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Psychological Examiner (school psychological examiner endorsement).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor Teacher (3 or more years of experience as a teacher and an active certificate).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor School Counselor (requires three years of experience as a school counselor). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Integrationist (3 years of experience as a teacher or administrator). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Coordinator (3 years of experience as a teacher or administrator). 	

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<p><i>Educator Permit Requirements</i> 24:28:09</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Educator Permits</p> <p>A type of certificate for individuals who qualify to teach in specific fields, have specific leadership roles, or assist teachers with classroom support.</p> <p>Endorsements may not be added to the permit unless the individual has completed the required preparation program.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Educator Permit restrictions</p> <p>Teacher, administrator, or education specialist certificate or endorsement may not be added to the permit unless the applicant has completed the required preparation program.</p> <p>Endorsements may be added if it is specifically designated as part of the educator permit.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Initial certification requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document the requirements of the permit have been met. Recommendation from the appropriate agency, if required. A person employed in the following Permit Types are required to hold a valid educator permit for the position to which they are assigned.

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<p><i>Educator Permits</i> <i>continued 24:28:09</i></p> <p>(Those in bold are required to teach the specific subject or job responsibility for which they are assigned. Those not in bold are not required by rule to have the permit, however may be required by district employment policy.)</p>	<p>Permit Types</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Language and Culture Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-year renewable permit. ▪ Allows applicants to teach Lakota, Dakota, or Nakota language and culture in grades K-12 and are limited to these areas. ▪ Applicant must demonstrate proficiency in oral and written language and culture and receive sign-off from a regionally accredited institution of higher education offering a program in Lakota studies or an organization approved by both a tribal government in South Dakota and the Department. ▪ Must complete a 3 hour methodology course.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 Eminent Scholar Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Language Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-year renewable permit. ▪ Allows applicants to teach Lakota, Dakota, or Nakota language and culture in grades K-12 and are limited to these areas. ▪ Must complete a 3 hour methodology course. ▪ Meets requirements of the eminent scholar program recognized by an approved indigenous language board or similar organization recognized by a tribal government and recommend for licensure.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing Artist Permit – Issued to performing artists in the fields of art, dance, drama and music. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1-year renewable permit. ▪ Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent. ▪ Minimum of five years of experience in the field. ▪ District must complete a verification form identifying the position to be held and documentation the school is unable to hire a certified educator for the vacancy and provide a mentor teacher. 	

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<p><i>Educator Permits</i> <i>continued 24:28:09</i></p> <p>(Those in bold are required to teach the specific subject or job responsibility for which they are assigned. Those not in bold are not required by rule to have the permit, however may be required by district employment policy.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Junior ROTC Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-year renewable permit issued to active or retired military personnel to serve as JROTC teachers. ▪ Applicant must complete the ROTC instructor training program.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expert Lecturer Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-year renewable permit. ▪ Issued to individuals with distinctive qualifications and capacity to enhance educational programs in schools. ▪ Must have a master’s degree or higher. ▪ Must demonstrate a unique qualification and experience that enhances school and district programs. ▪ Districts must recommend the applicant for employment, develop a program to assist the lecturer with academic and classroom support, provide a mentor teach and provide assurances of regular observation, guidance and evaluation of the performance of assigned duties.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athletic Coaching Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-year renewable permit. ▪ Limited to the area of athletic head or assistant coaching. ▪ Must complete coursework specific to coaching from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education. ▪ Submit documentation of completion of first aid, health, and safety for coaches, fundamentals of coaching and concussion in sports.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drivers Education Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-year renewable permit. ▪ Requires 8 semester hours of coursework according to ARSD 24:28:09:22 ▪ Beginning July 1, 2019, must meet additional requirements regarding driving record, which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be at least 21 years of age; • Possess a valid Class-1 South Dakota driver license or an equivalent drive license from another state; • Have a high school diploma or its equivalent; • Have no traffic-related driver license court suspensions or revocations withing the preceding 36 months • Have no convictions for traffic violations that carry a mandatory suspension or revocation of the driver license within the preceding 36 months; • Have no convictions for traffic violations causing a fatal traffic collision; and • Have no convictions for driving with a revoked or suspended license or driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance with the past five years.

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<p><i>Educator Permits</i> <i>continued 24:28:09</i></p> <p>(Those in bold are required to teach the specific subject or job responsibility for which they are assigned. Those not in bold are not required by rule to have the permit, however may be required by district employment policy.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● International Exchange Teacher Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-year non-renewable permit. ▪ Allows eligible teachers from other nations to teach in South Dakota schools. ▪ Must have a valid J1 or H1B Visa. ▪ Holds U.S. equivalent of a bachelor’s or higher. ▪ Holds a foreign educator credential in a teaching field. ▪ Provides verification from a public or Department-accredited school of intent to employ. ▪ Does not prevent an individual moving to the United States from applying for a teacher, administrator or education specialist certificate.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● American Sign Language Education Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-year renewable permit issued to applicants to serve as instructors of sign language. ▪ Receives a score of intermediate or Level 3 on the Sign Language Proficiency Instrument or certification from the American Sign Language Teachers Association. ▪ Complete six semester hours of coursework.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Braille Education Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 year renewable permit issued to individuals to serve as instructors for blind or visually-impaired students. ▪ Must pass the state-designated content test and complete six semester hours of coursework.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Business Official Permit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-year renewable permit issued to applicants responsible for the financial requirements of school districts. ▪ Must have a bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education and two years of experience as a school business official or a minimum of two semester hours of coursework in each of the areas of accounting, school finance, school law, and school business administration.

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<p><i>Educator Permits</i> <i>continued 24:28:09</i></p> <p>(Those in bold are required to teach the specific subject or job responsibility for which they are assigned. Those not in bold are not required by rule to have the permit, however may be required by district employment policy.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTE Instructor Permit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5-year renewable permit. ▪ Minimum Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent; and ○ An associate of applied science degree or higher in a related CTE field, or 4000 hours of work experience in a related CTE field, or holds a national certification in a related CTE field; and ○ Completes a minimum of 6 transcribed credit hours with a grade of C or higher in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-credit mentored internship experience completed in the 1st year of employment; and • 2-credit methods of CTE completed in the first 3 years of employment. ▪ Employer requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide a mentor teacher to the applicant; ○ Develop a program to assist the CTE instructor with academic and classroom support; ○ Provide assurances of regular observation, guidance, and evaluation of the performance of assigned duties; and ○ Recommend based on documented performance and progress. ▪ Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Length of initial permit is three years, upon completion of requirements; a five-year renewable permit follows ○ Holders of a CTE instructor permit are limited to the following endorsement areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CTE career pathway; ○ Education and training career cluster; ○ Law, public safety, security, and corrections career cluster

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<p><i>Alternative Certification</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once an individual meets the requirements of the alternative certification program, they receive a five year standard educator certificate and the preparation is reflected as alternative preparation. • Cannot be granted for K-4 (except TFA) or special education.
<p><i>Alternative Preliminary Certificate</i> 24:28:10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative Preliminary Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two-year renewable certificate. ▪ Required for someone applying for the following alternative certification programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General education alternative certification • TFA alternative certification • CTE alternative certification • Administrator alternative certification. ▪ Must have an alternative preliminary certificate prior to being hired by a school district and to be eligible for the Alternative certification program. ▪ Within ten business days of receipt of complete alternative preliminary application the department shall determine whether the applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of the certificate and if so expedite the application. ▪ Minimum requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor’s degree or higher; or • Associate of applied science degree or higher in a CTE field; or • 4000 documented hours of work experience in a CTE field; or • Hold a national certification in a related CTE field.

Certification Rule	Description
<p>General Education Alternative Certification 24:28:11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Education Alternative Certification Available Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicant may teach in grades 5-8, secondary, or K-12 general education areas while pursuing alternative certification.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Certification Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must have a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Receive an offer of employment from a public or Department-accredited school. ▪ Bachelor’s degree or higher. ▪ Must complete a minimum of 60 minutes of suicide awareness and prevention training if an approved training has not been submitted within the previous year. ▪ Must add endorsements for subject areas teaching, based on content requirements for the endorsement. ▪ May not teach grades or content areas beyond the endorsements listed on the certificate.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receives a one-year certificate which can be renewed two times. Following three years the certificate is invalid.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Responsibilities/Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verify applicant has a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Offer a mentoring program. ▪ Recommend applicant for certification. ▪ Document the school district or school attempted but was unable to hire certified teacher before hiring. ▪ Provide information on the SD Code of Ethics for Teachers. ▪ Train applicant on the school teacher evaluation system.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements to Move to a Teaching Certificate effective December 10, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15 transcribed credits in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classroom Management; ○ Teaching Methods; ○ Student Assessment; ○ Differentiated Instruction; ○ Adolescent Psychology; and ○ South Dakota Indian Studies. ▪ Passage of the state-designated pedagogy test. ▪ Adhere to the South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers as set forth in chapter 24:08:03.

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<p>CTE Alternative Certification 24:28:12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTE Alternative Certification Available Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicant may teach grade 7-12 CTE endorsement areas while pursuing certification.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Certification Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must have a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Receive an offer of employment from a public or Department-accredited school. ▪ Hold an associate of applied science degree or higher in a related CTE field, have 4,000 hours of work experience in a related CTE field, or hold a national certification in a related CTE field. ▪ Must complete a minimum of 60 minutes of suicide awareness and prevention training if an approved training has not been submitted within the previous year. ▪ May not teach grades or content areas beyond the endorsements listed on the certificate.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receives a one-year certificate which can be renewed two times. Following three years the certificate is invalid.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Responsibilities/Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verify applicant has a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Offer a mentoring program. ▪ Recommend applicant for CTE alternative certificate based on documented performance and progress. ▪ Document the school district or school attempted but was unable to hire certified teacher before hiring. ▪ Provide information on the SD Code of Ethics for Teachers. ▪ Train applicant on the school teacher evaluation system.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements to complete a CTE alternative certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May obtain endorsements in all CTE career cluster and career pathways. ▪ Complete a minimum of 12 transcribed credit hours from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a passing grade of C or higher to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete six credits in methods of CTE and a mentorship to include units on classroom management, student assessment, differentiated instruction ○ Complete a three-credit adolescent psychology; ○ Complete a three-credit South Dakota Indian Studies; ▪ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test; ▪ Adhere to the SD Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers; and ▪ Receive sign of from the employing school district or department -accredited school. • May receive a standard teaching certificate after completion of all requirements.

Certification Rule	Description
<p>Teach For America (TFA) Alternative Certification 24:28:13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TFA Education Alternative Certification Available Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicant may teach as an elementary teacher, secondary, or K-12 teacher while pursuing alternative certification. ▪ May receive a CTE alternative certificate if the requirements for CTE alternative certification are met.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Certification Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must have a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Receive an offer of employment from a public or Department-accredited school. ▪ Bachelor’s degree or higher. ▪ Participate in the TFA program. ▪ Must complete a minimum of 60 minutes of suicide awareness and prevention training if an approved training has not been submitted within the previous year. ▪ May not teach grades or content areas beyond the endorsements listed on the certificate.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receives a one-year certificate which can be renewed two times. Following three years the certificate is invalid.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Responsibilities/Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verify applicant has a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Offer a mentoring program. ▪ Recommend applicant for CTE alternative certificate based on documented performance and progress. ▪ Document the school district or school attempted but was unable to hire certified teacher before hiring. ▪ Provide information on the SD Code of Ethics for Teachers. ▪ Train applicant on the school teacher evaluation system.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements to complete a TFA alternative certificate effective December 10, 2020: • Complete a minimum of 15 transcribed credit hours from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a passing grade of C or higher to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classroom Management; ○ Teaching Methods; ○ Differentiated Instruction; ○ Student Assessment; ○ Adolescent Psychology; and ○ South Dakota Indian Studies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test. ▪ Adhere to the SD Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers ▪ Receive sign of from the employing school district or department - accredited school. ▪ Participate in a mentor program

Certification Rule	Description
<p>Special Education Alternative Certification 24:28:14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allows general education teachers an alternative pathway to receive the special education endorsement.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must have a valid teaching certificate. ▪ Must have a minimum of three years of teaching experience within the past five years. ▪ Must be employed as a special education teacher by a qualifying district. ▪ Must complete a minimum of 60 minutes of suicide awareness and prevention training if an approved training has not been submitted within the previous year.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Alternative Certification Available Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May teach early childhood special education or K-12 special education while pursuing the special education alternative certificate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Childhood Special Education Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must have an early childhood or elementary preparation. ○ K-12 Special Education Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must have an elementary preparation, secondary preparation, K-12 preparation, or CTE preparation.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receives a one-year certificate which can be renewed two times. Following three years the certificate is invalid.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verify the applicant meets the requirements for special education alternative certification. ▪ Provide mentorship by an individual with special education experience. ▪ Recommend the applicant. ▪ Document the school attempted but was unable to hire a certified teacher.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements to Receive an Early Childhood Special Education or K-12 Special Education Endorsement effective December 10, 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete a six-credit year-long special education practicum; ▪ Complete nine credits of coursework in special education law, assessment and a special education-related course within the ten-year period prior to application: ▪ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test; ▪ Pass the state-designated content test; and ▪ Receive signoff from the applicant’s employing school district or department accredited school.

Certification Rule	Description
<p>Administrator Alternative Certification 24:28:15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Alternative Certification Areas Applicant may perform administrative duties as a superintendent or principal, but may not act as both while completing the administrator alternative certification.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must have a valid alternative preliminary certificate or SD educator certificate; ▪ Must receive a qualifying offer of employment by a qualifying school district or department-accredited school; ▪ Submit a professional development plan identifying how the requirements will be met; and ▪ Must complete a minimum of 60 minutes of suicide awareness and prevention training if an approved training has not been submitted within the previous year.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Receives a one-year certificate which can be renewed four times. Following five years the certificate is invalid.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Administrator Alternative Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eligibility Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must have a master’s degree or higher; ○ Must have three or more years of experience in a management role in a business, district, or employed as a teacher with a leadership role in a public or department accredited school; and ○ Pass the state-designated school superintendent assessment. ▪ Requirements to obtain a standard administrator certificate with a superintendent endorsement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must complete a minimum of 21 transcribed credits with a C or higher in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership and district culture; ▪ Organizational management; ▪ Values and ethics of leadership; ▪ Educational policy and law; ▪ Communication; ▪ Community relations; ▪ Curriculum planning and development; ▪ School finance; ▪ Instructional Management; and ▪ Three-hour South Dakota Indian Studies

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<p><i>Administrator Alternative Certification continued</i> 24:28:15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Administrator Alternative Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eligibility Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete a state-approved teacher education program or alternative certification program; ○ Must have three or more years of teaching experience; and ▪ Requirements to obtain a standard administrator certificate with a principal endorsement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must complete a minimum of 18 transcribed credits with a C or higher in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instructional leadership; ▪ Ethical and inclusive leadership; ▪ Cognitive coaching/facilitation skills; ▪ Creating a safe and inclusive school environment; ▪ Process Management; ▪ Systems Management; and ▪ Educational Policy and Law; and ▪ South Dakota Indian Studies. ○ Pass the state-designated content test. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Verify the applicant has a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Document the school attempted but was unable to hire a certified administrator. ▪ Assign a mentor with experience as a school administrator to support the applicant. ▪ Provide the application with information about the South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers and Administrators. ▪ Train the applicant on the administrator and teacher evaluation systems. ▪ Recommend the applicant for renewal.

Certification Rule	Description
<p>Reciprocity 24:28:16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility for Reciprocity based on completion of Approved Program through a regionally accredited university <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Received a teacher, administrator or educator specialist license or certificate in another state exclusive of a temporary, emergency, substitute or provisional certificate. ▪ Completed a successful student teaching, internship, field experience. ▪ Provide verification from the licensing state that there are no disciplinary actions or ethics violations.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility for Reciprocity based on completion of Alternative Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must have <u>completed</u> the alternative certification program in another state. ▪ Provides verification of three years of experience within the last five years. ▪ Provide documentation of a valid educator’s license from the issuing state. ▪ Provide verification from the licensing state that there are no disciplinary actions or ethics violations.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicants must complete a 3-credit South Dakota Indian Studies Course and one clock hour of suicide awareness and prevention training.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicants may receive a one-year provisional certificate if they have not passed an approved South Dakota Indian Studies course. This certificate may be renewed once.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding Preparation and Endorsement to an Inactive, Expired or Invalid Out-of-State Educator Certificate <p>Endorsements may be added only if the applicant has a major in content, an active national board certification in the content area, or meets South Dakota endorsement requirements.</p>

Certification Rule	Description
<p><i>Reciprocity continued</i> 24:28:16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding Preparations and Endorsements to an Applicant with a Valid Out-of-State Educator Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparations and endorsements for applicants who meet the requirements will be awarded based on a comparison of the out-of-state certificate and South Dakota endorsements. The corresponding South Dakota endorsements will be awarded to the applicant. No additional content or pedagogy requirements apply. ▪ If the applicant has a categorical special education endorsement, the applicant must pass the state-designated content test for a K-12 special education endorsement. ▪ If the applicant has a K-8 special education endorsement, the applicant must have a minimum of one year of teaching experience as a secondary teacher or pass the state-designated pedagogy test for the secondary level to add the K-12 special education endorsement.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements to Add New Endorsements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the applicant is seeking additional endorsements not included on the out-of-state certificate, the applicant must meet South Dakota requirements to add the endorsement.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military Personnel or the Spouse of Military Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documentation to verify military status of the applicant is required and the application is considered complete when the Department has received all required documentation necessary to process the application. ▪ Within 30 days of receipt of a complete application, determination whether the applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of a reciprocal certificate shall be made by the Department and if so, expediate the issuance of the certificate. ▪ If the Secretary cannot make the determination within thirty days a temporary military certificate for a period of one year to the military applicant. ▪ The certificate is valid from the date of issuance until the military personnel's date of separation of service, or five years from the date arrived on station is a date of separation has not been established by the service branch's headquarters. ▪ Upon expiration of the temporary military certificate, the military applicant must reapply with the department and meet requirements for issuance of a certificate.

Certification Rule	Description
<p><i>Renewal Requirements</i> 24:28:17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal cycle of a certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All certificates are considered valid until the expiration date of the certificate (not including suspended or revoked certificates). ▪ The educator certificate is valid from the date of issuance until June 30 of the year of expiration. If renewal requirements are not completed by July 1, the certificate is expired. ▪ A certificate becomes invalid if all renewal requirements have not been met by October 1st.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificates may be renewed upon receipt of a completed application, fee, and official documentation verifying completion of six credits. ▪ State statute requires all applicants to meet a minimum of one clock hour (60 minutes) of suicide awareness and prevention training. This includes issuance of an initial or renewal certificate as a teacher, administrator, or other education professional. ▪ Any educator called to active military duty while the certificate is valid shall have the certificate re-issued at no cost and will not be required to meet credit requirements.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Teaching Certificate Renewal requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum of three transcribed credits or specialized learning experience and three additional credits which can be transcribed or continuing education contact hours; or ▪ Completion as a mentee in the state-approved mentor program for at least two of the past five years; or ▪ Completion as a mentor in a state-approved mentor program for at least two of the past five years; or ▪ National Board certification or recertification.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Teaching Certificate requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum of 6 credits which can be transcribed credits, specialized learning experience or continuing education contact hours; or ▪ Completion as a mentor in the state-approved mentor program for at least 2 of the past 5 years; or ▪ National Board certification or recertification.

Certification Rule	Description
Renewal Requirements continued 24:28:17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Administrator Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum of 3 transcribed credits or specialized learning experience and 3 additional credits which can be transcribed or continuing education contact hours. ▪ NOTE: Only applies to those without a Masters degree or higher
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Administrator Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum of 6 credits which can be transcribed, specialized learning experience or continuing education contact hours.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Specialist requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum of 6 credits which can be transcribed, specialized learning experience or continuing education contact hours; or ▪ Complete National Board of School Counselors certification or recertification during the previous five years; or ▪ Complete Nationally Certified School Psychologist certification during the previous five years.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Degree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicants with a master’s degree or higher shall verify completion of a minimum of 6 credits which can be transcribed, specialized learning experience or continuing education contact hours.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inactive Certificate requires <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete the applicable Inactive application ▪ Pay the application fee ▪ State statute requires all applicants to meet a minimum of one clock hour of suicide awareness and prevention training. ▪ This certificate can be utilized as a Long-term substitute according to ARSD 24:28:01:01 (54). • Reactivation of Inactive Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete the applicable renewal requirements based on type of applicable certificate type.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inactive Certificate applies for One-year Interim Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Needs time to complete the renewal requirements based on type of applicable certificate type, can received the non-renewable one-year Interim certificate.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative Preliminary Teaching or Administrator Certificate requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One clock hour of Suicide Awareness and Prevention training.

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<p><i>Renewal Requirements continued 24:28:17</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Education, CTE, and TFA Alternative Teaching or Administrator Certificates requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submit documented evidence of progress toward meeting the requirements; and ▪ Employing school district recommends renewal; and ▪ Complete a minimum of 60 minutes of Suicide Awareness training. ▪ TFA applicant must also submit verification of continued eligibility for the Teach For American program.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educator Permits renewal require (unless otherwise specified): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All 5-year renewal permits require a minimum of 3 credits which can be transcribed, specialized Learning experience hours; or continuing education contact hours. They also must verify completion of a minimum of 60 minutes of suicide awareness and prevention training. ▪ The 1-year renewable Performing Artist permit requires .50 (8 hours) education related credits which can be transcribed, specialized learning experience hours or continuing education contact hours. ▪ Athletic Coaching Permit requires completion of a minimum of one clock hour of suicide awareness and prevention training; First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches; Concussion in Sports annually; and Fundamentals of Coaching upon first renewal. ▪ CTE Instructor Permit renewal requires completion of 24:28:09:39(3) ▪ Library Science Permit renewal requires completion of a minimum of one clock hour of suicide awareness and prevention training; applicant adheres to SD Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers; completes six education related transcribed credits, specialized learning experience hours; or continuing education contact hours, or two years in a state-approved mentor program; and if employed as a school librarian, provide documentation verifying that mentorship was provided by a school librarian during the first two years of employment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements for applicants who have an Invalid Certificate increase to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicants with a teaching, administrator, or education specialist certificate or library science permit shall complete all renewal requirements and pay the invalid educator certificate fee; ▪ Applicants with a general education, CTE, TFA, or administrator alternative certification shall complete 3 transcribed credit hours. ▪ Applicants with an educator permit shall complete 6 education-related credits, and ▪ Applicants with a performing artist educator permit shall complete 1 education-related credit. • Applicants may receive a one-year non-renewable temporary certificate to meet the additional requirements.

Certification Rule

Description

Endorsements

24:28:18 – 24:28:27

- **Determining Assignments Eligible to Teach**
 - Assignments will be directly tied to an endorsement.
 - The first determination is the preparation and then, based on the preparation, endorsements may be added.
 - The new system simplifies how to add an endorsement and the endorsement required to teach an assignment.
 - Coursework required to add an endorsement must be completed within the 10-year period prior to the application.
 - School structure no longer dictates whether someone is authorized to teach a subject.
- **Philosophy of Adding Endorsements**
 - Individuals with early childhood preparation may add endorsements for early childhood through 12th grade and K- 12 endorsements (music, health, etc.) by demonstrating content and pedagogical knowledge.
 - Individuals with an elementary preparation may add endorsements for early childhood through 12th grade and K- 12 endorsements by demonstrating content knowledge. Beginning July 1, 2017 demonstration of pedagogical knowledge is required.
 - Individuals with secondary preparation may add endorsements for grades 5 through grade 12 and K-12 endorsements by demonstrating content. Beginning July 1, 2017 demonstration of pedagogical knowledge is required.
 - Individuals with K-12 preparation may add endorsements for grades 5 through grade 12 and K-12 endorsements by demonstrating content knowledge.
 - Individuals with early childhood SPED preparation may add endorsements for early childhood through grade 12 and K-12 endorsements by demonstrating content and pedagogical knowledge. The K-12 special education endorsement may be added by demonstrating content and pedagogical knowledge.
 - Individuals with K-12 SPED may add endorsements for grades 5 through grade 12 and K-12 endorsements by demonstrating content knowledge. The early childhood special education endorsement may be added by demonstrating content and pedagogical knowledge.
- **Review Preparation to Endorsement Worksheets**
 - Early Childhood Preparation
 - Elementary Preparation
 - Secondary Preparation
 - K-12 Preparation
 - CTE Preparation
 - Early Childhood Special Education Preparation
 - K-12 Special Education Preparation
 - Administrator Preparation
 - Education Specialist Preparation Review
 - Educator Permit
 - Alternative Certification

Certification Rule	Description
<p><i>Transition to New Certification Rules</i> 24:28:28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current certificates shall remain valid for the period for which the certificate is issued. • Endorsements placed on an existing certificate will be transitioned to the corresponding new endorsement and allows the certificate holder to teach the same courses as the previous endorsements. • A certificate holder with an expired or invalid certificate on July 1, 2017, who has not been granted two one-year certificates, may be granted a one-year temporary certificate to meet renewal requirements. • All valid, renewable certificates meeting the requirements of the advanced certificate will be converted to equivalent certificates. • K-8 and K-12 special education teachers who have passed 0146/5146 Praxis test prior to July 1, 2017, will have K-8 self-contained and K-8 subject-specific endorsements added to their certificates in the areas of math, social science, science and English language arts. • Middle level endorsements will no longer make someone eligible to teach a particular subject. Certificate holders who currently have a middle level endorsement will be transitioned to an endorsement called Middle Level Learner. This endorsement will not add make someone certified to teach any additional subjects. • Demonstration of pedagogical knowledge to add an endorsement will be required beginning July 1, 2019. The state-designated pedagogy test required to add an endorsement not covered by the preparation area of the certificate holder may be waived if verification of two or more years of state-certified teaching experience in the grade span of the endorsement is documented.