

**Office of Educator Certification**

**Native American Lakota, Dakota, Nakota**

Type all information or use blue or black ink.

Recommendation for Certification

<p><b>Part 1 – To be completed by the applicant.</b> Complete Part 1 and send this form to the education certifying officer for completion of Part 2. The education certifying officer contact information is listed on page 2.</p>		
<p>Last four Digits of SSN:</p>		<p>Telephone Number:</p>
<p>Last Name:</p>	<p>First Name:</p>	<p>Maiden/Previous Last Name:</p>
<p>Email Address:</p>		
<p><b>Part 2 – To be completed by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota Studies or an authorized individual from the organization approved by the SD tribal government and the Department.</b> Complete this section and email to <a href="mailto:certification@state.sd.us">certification@state.sd.us</a></p>		

**Recommendation for Certification**

I hereby recommend the applicant named in Part 1 for licensure to teach Lakota, Dakota, or Nakota oral and written language and culture to grades kindergarten through 12 by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota studies or an organization approved by a tribal government in South Dakota and the Department.

**Proficiency Statement**

I certify that the applicant named in Part 1 has demonstrated proficiency in Lakota, Dakota, or Nakota oral and written language and culture with recognition from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota studies or an organization approved by both a tribal government in South Dakota and the Department.

Also, the individual has successfully completed a three-semester-hour methodology course directly related to teaching Lakota, Dakota, Nakota language from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education.

<p>Printed Name of Authorized Official:</p>		<p>Print Title of Authorized Official:</p>	
<p>Organization:</p>			
<p>Email Address:</p>		<p>Telephone Number:</p>	
<p>Address:</p>			
<p>City:</p>		<p>State:</p>	<p>Zip Code:</p>
<p>Signature of Authorized Official:</p>			<p>Date:</p>

Organization approved by a tribal government in South Dakota and the Department

**Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation  
Lakota Language Initiative – “4-Years-To-Fluency”**

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**Dakotah Language Institute**

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**Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe**

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**Project Director – Dakota  
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**Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe**

**Contact Person:** Harold Frazier, Chairman  
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Regionally-accredited institutions of higher education offering a teacher education program in Lakota studies

**Sisseton/Wahpeton Community College**

PO Box 689  
Sisseton, SD 57262  
**Certifying Officer/Education:** Dr. Francis Arpan  
Phone: 605.742.1117  
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**Oglala Lakota College**

PO Box 490  
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**Certifying Officer/Education:** Shannon Amiotte  
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**Sinte Gleska University**

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**Sitting Bull College**

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Fort Yates, ND 58538  
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