

Office of Educator Certification

Eminent Scholar Lakota, Dakota, Nakota

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Recommendation for Certification

Part 1 – To be completed by the applicant. 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.		
Last four Digits of SSN:		Telephone Number:
Last Name:	First Name:	Maiden/Previous Last Name:
Email Address:		
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. Complete this section and email to certification@state.sd.us		

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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 an indigenous language board or similar organization created and recognized by a tribal government

Proficiency Statement

I certify that the applicant named in Part 1 has met the requirements of the eminent scholar Program recognized by an approved indigenous language board or similar organization created and recognized by a tribal government. 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.

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

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

Dakotah Language Institute

Contact Person: Ricardo Bertsch

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Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Contact Person: Harold Frazier, Chairman

PO Box 590

Eagle Butte, SD 57625

Phone: 605.964.4155

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

601 W Broad AVE

Flandreau, SD 57028

Project Director – Dakota

(Wakpa Ipaksan Kakodiapi) Language: Dustin Beaulieu

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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

Fax: 605.698.3132

Email: farpan@swcollege.edu

Sinte Gleska University

PO Box 8

Mission, SD 57555

Certifying Officer/Education: Cheryl Medearis

Phone: 605.856.8117

Fax: 605.856.2011

Email: cheryl.medearis@sintegleska.edu

Oglala Lakota College

PO Box 490

Kyle, SD 57752-0490

Certifying Officer/Education: Shannon Amiotte

Phone: 605.455.6000

Fax: 605.455.2787

Sitting Bull College

1341 92nd St

Fort Yates, ND 58538

Certifying Officer/Education: Laurel Vermillion

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