

# ***Superintendent Alternative Certification***

<b>Description</b>	Leads to a Superintendent endorsement. Individuals going through this pathway must have a master's degree or higher and 3 or more years of experience in a management role.
<b>Duration of certificate</b>	1 year; may be renewed 4 times
<b>Cost</b>	\$25
<b>Applicant eligibility requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Valid Alternative Preliminary or South Dakota Educator Certificate</li> <li>● Master's degree or higher from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education</li> <li>● 3 or more years of experience in a management role in a business, public school, or South Dakota Department of Education-accredited school, or employed as a teacher in a leadership role</li> <li>● Offer of employment from a public or department-accredited school</li> <li>● Submission of a professional development plan identifying how alternative certification requirements will be met</li> <li>● Pass state-designated content test</li> <li>● Completion of an approved suicide awareness and prevention training</li> </ul>
<b>District requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Verify applicant has a valid Alternative Preliminary Certificate, teaching certificate or K-12 Principal Certificate</li> <li>● Document district attempted but was unable to hire a certified administrator prior to hiring applicant with an alternative certificate</li> <li>● Provide mentorship by an individual with experience as a school administrator</li> <li>● Provide applicant with information about South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers and South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Administrators</li> <li>● Train applicant on administrator and teacher evaluation systems</li> <li>● Annually recommend applicant for renewal, based on documented performance and progress</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsements</b>	May act as Superintendent while completing program
<b>Renewal requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pass state-designated test prior to first renewal</li> <li>● Suicide awareness and prevention training</li> <li>● Submit recommendation for renewal from employing district</li> <li>● Submit professional development plan identifying how alternative certification requirements will be met</li> <li>● \$25 for 1-year renewal certificate</li> </ul>
<b>Requirements to complete program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3-credit approved South Dakota Indian Studies course</li> <li>● 18 transcribed credits from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a grade of C or higher in the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leadership and district culture</li> <li>○ Organizational management</li> <li>○ Values and ethics of leadership</li> <li>○ Educational policy and law</li> <li>○ Communication</li> <li>○ Community relations</li> <li>○ Curriculum planning and development</li> <li>○ School finance</li> <li>○ Instructional management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>