

South Dakota Department of Education Contact List for School Counselors Updated: January 2026

Below are SD DOE staff members and relevant entities who may be beneficial for school counselors to contact for support when needed. Anyone who is not employed at the SD DOE has his/her agency noted by his/her name.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR SD DOE

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<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/counselors.aspx>

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

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- *Amy Gabriel*
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ACT TEST PREP (METHODIZE)

<https://sdmylife.com/preparing-for-college/methodize>

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULE WAIVERS

<https://doe.sd.gov/oatq/adminrulewaivers.aspx>

Accreditation Office

doeaccred@state.sd.us

ASSESSMENT

DOEassessment@state.sd.us

- Accommodations
Beth Schiltz
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- SD-ACT Assessments
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- ELA and Math General Education Assessments
Rebecca Frerichs
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ASSESSMENT (CONTINUED)

- ELA, Math, and Science Interim Assessments
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- ELA and Math Alternate Assessments
Sabrina Johnson
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- Science General Education and Alternate Assessments
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- ACCESS (EL) Assessment
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- NAEP
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

<https://sdbehavioralhealth.gov>

School Toolkit: <https://sdbehavioralhealth.gov/schooltoolkit>
SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health (DBH)

605-367-5236, 855-878-6057

dssdbh@state.sd.us

- Community Mental Health Centers (DBH)
https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/cmhc_flyer.pdf
- School-Based Mental Health Providers
<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/>
Overview of School-Based Mental Health Providers in South Dakota:
<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/documents/Overview.pdf>
 - Community-Based, Clinical Mental Health Counselors & Social Workers Liaison
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 - School Counseling Specialist
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 - School Psychologists Liaison
Kara Schweitzer
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 - School Social Workers Liaison
Kristin Larson
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- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services (DBH)
https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud_flyer.pdf
- Suicide Prevention
 - Stats & Resources:
sdsuicideprevention.org
 - Youth Suicide Awareness & Prevention Trainings for Educators:
<https://doe.sd.gov/suicideprevention>
- Telemental Health
<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/documents/Telemental-0725.pdf>
 - *Andrea Effling*
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 - Providers Offering Telehealth Services:
https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency_county/telehealth_services.pdf

BRING YOUR 'A' GAME ANYWHERE (eLEARNING COURSE)

https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx

Complete and submit [School Login Request](#)

BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP

builddakotascholarships.com

Deni Martin (Program Manager)

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CAPSTONE EXPERIENCES

(See Work-Based Learning section on page 3)

CERTIFICATION

<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/counselor.aspx> (School Counselor Certification)

<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/> (General Certification)

<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/renewal.aspx> (Certification Renewal)

Certification Office

certification@state.sd.us

COURSE CODES

(See High School Graduation Requirements on page 4)

COUNCIL ON COLLEGE ADMISSION IN SD (CCASD)

<https://sdcollegeadmissions.com>

Shelly Lammers (CCASD)

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CTE REGIONAL SPECIALISTS

<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/cteregions.aspx>

DUAL CREDIT

<https://ourdakotadreams.com/high-school/dual-credit/>

Tracia Rentsch

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ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/essentialskills.aspx>

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HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY (GED)

<https://doe.sd.gov/GED/>

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(See pages 4-5)

INFINITE CAMPUS

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JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES (JAG)

<https://doe.sd.gov/JAG-sd/>
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MAPPING YOUR FUTURE

(resources and trainings related to financial aid and career & college preparation)
southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org
Counselor Resources: <https://tinyurl.com/ypyeus7r>
feedback@mappingyourfuture.org
800-374-4072

MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (MTSS)

<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/mtss.aspx>

- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) and Response to Intervention (RTI)
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NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

<http://doe.sd.gov/nationalboard>
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OUR DAKOTA DREAMS

(College prep, financial aid planning, scholarship listings, and more)
ourdakotadreams.com

PERSONNEL RECORD FORM (PRF) STAFFING DATA

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SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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SD COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (SDCA)

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SD SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (SDSCA)

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SOUTH DAKOTA MYLIFE (SDMYLIFE)

sdmylife.com
SDMyLife Support System document:
<https://sdmylife.com/educators>

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- Janeen Outka (Teachwell)
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SOUTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

sdos.sdbor.edu

- Rhea Potter (SD Board of Regents)
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WORK-BASED LEARNING

careerready.sd.gov

- Capstone Experiences
<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/capstone.aspx>
Melissa Ettswold
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- Education and Industry Connections
[Free Career Readiness Resources](#)
Morgan Heuer (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)
605-789-2275
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- Registered Apprenticeships
Start Today SD (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)
starttoday.sd.com
605-910-7031
starttoday@state.sd.us
- SD Week of Work
<https://weekofwork.sd.gov/>
- WBL, SD Week of Work
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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<https://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements>

- 18 Compulsory Age
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- 504 Plan
605-773-3678
See Regional Representative at:
<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/>
- Advanced Computer Science Replacing a Science Elective
<https://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements/advancedcomputerscience.aspx>
Hayley Miller
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- Advanced Endorsements
 - Advanced, Advanced Career, and Advanced Honors Endorsements
Tracia Rentsch
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 - Listing Earned Advanced Endorsements on Transcripts
See Student Data Collections Desk Guide:
<https://doe.sd.gov/ofm/sims.aspx>
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- Alternative Instruction Notification (Home School)
<https://doe.sd.gov/oatq/homeschooling.aspx>
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- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Courses Meeting Graduation Requirements
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- Course Requirements to Graduate
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- Course Codes
<https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/commoncourse.aspx>
 - Technical Assistance with Infinite Campus
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- CTE Course Alignment
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- Dual Credit
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- Course Content Standards
<https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/>
 - Career & Technical Education (CTE)
See Career Cluster pages:
<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/careerclusters.aspx>
 - English Language Arts, World Language, Fine Arts
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- End-of-Course Exam Waivers
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- High School Equivalency (GED)
<https://doe.sd.gov/GED/>
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- Industry-Recognized Credentials
<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/industry.aspx>
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- Online High School Courses (not dual credit)
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- Special Education (SPED) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
605-773-3678
See Regional Representative at:
<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/>
- Transcripts, Listing Earned Advanced Endorsements, and Industry-Recognized Credentials
See Student Data Collections Desk Guide:
<https://doe.sd.gov/ofm/sims.aspx>
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