

South Dakota Department of Education Contact List for School Counselors

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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/SPI/4-YEAR COHORT

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ASSESSMENT

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- Accommodations
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- ELA and Math General Education Assessments
Rebecca Frerichs
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- Science General Education and Alternative Assessments
Chris Booth
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- ACCESS (EL) Assessment
Shari Lord
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- NAEP
Betsy Chapman
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BRING YOUR "A" GAME ANYWHERE (VIRTUAL 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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deni@builddakotascholarships.com

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)

Certification Office

certification@state.sd.us

COURSE CODES

(See High School Graduation Requirements on page 4)

COLLEGE READINESS/REMEDiation

Vera Van Winkle

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COUNCIL ON COLLEGE ADMISSION IN SD (CCASD)

<https://sdcollegeadmissions.com>

Shelly Lammers (CCASD)

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shelly@sdcollegeadmissions.com

CTE REGIONAL SPECIALISTS

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

DUAL CREDIT

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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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MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (MTSS)

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

- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)
Becky Cain
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- Response to Intervention (RtI)
Brandi Gerry
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NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

<http://doe.sd.gov/nationalboard>

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NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC)

http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/ncrc/default.aspx

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- *Hannah Resick (SD DLR)*
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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-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
Andrea Effling
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- School Counseling Specialist
Andrea Effling
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- School Psychologists Liaison
Becky Cain
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- School Social Workers Liaison
Megan Tatum
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SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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SD COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/cmhc_flyer.pdf

SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health

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SD COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (SDCA)

sdcounseling.org

Sadie Hanson (SDCA Executive Director)

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SD SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (SDSCA)

sdschoolcounselors.com

Char Soukup (SDSCA)

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SOUTH DAKOTA MAPPING YOUR FUTURE

southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org

Counselor Resources:

<https://southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org/featured.cfm?co de=sd&FeaturePage=5>

SOUTH DAKOTA MYLIFE (SDMYLIFE)

sdmylife.com

SDMyLife Support System document:

<https://sdmylife.com/images/sdmylife-support-01.26.23.pdf>

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SOUTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

sdos.sdbor.edu

- *Kerri Richards (SD Board of Regents)*
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SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES

https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud_flyer.pdf

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SUICIDE PREVENTION

- Suicide Prevention Stats & Resources:
sdsuicideprevention.org
- Youth Suicide Awareness & Prevention Trainings for Educator Certification:
<https://doe.sd.gov/suicideprevention>

TELEMENTAL HEALTH

<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/documents/Telemental-0423.pdf>

- *Becky Cain*
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- Providers Offering Telehealth Services:
https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency_co_unity/telehealth_services.pdf
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WAIVERS

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

Accreditation Office

doeaccred@state.sd.us

WORK-BASED LEARNING

careerready.sd.gov

- Capstone Experiences
<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/capstone.aspx>
Kristin Larson
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- Career Ready Advisors (by SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)
https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/young_adults/wbl_toolkit.aspx
Contact your Regional Career Ready Advisor for industry connections & WBL resources.
https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/publications/Career%20Ready%20Advisor%20Map.pdf
Morgan Heuer (DLR Career Ready Coordinator)
605-295-7697
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- Registered Apprenticeships
starttoday.sd.com
Tara Bartekoske (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)
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- SD Week of Work
<https://weekofwork.sd.gov/>
- WBL, SD Week of Work
Kristin Larson
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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

- 18 Compulsory Age
Carol Uecker
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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>
Terri Mehlhaff
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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>
Carol Uecker
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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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 - Core Content Alignment
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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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- English Learners (EL)
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- GED (High School Equivalency)
https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/high_school_equivalency/default.aspx
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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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- Specialized 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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