

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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- *Amy Gabriel*
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ACT TEST PREP (METHODIZE)

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

Kara Schweitzer

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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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- ELA and Math General Education Assessments
Rebecca Frerichs
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ASSESSMENT (CONTINUED)

- Science General Education and Alternate Assessments
Sabrina Johnson
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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 (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)

605-381-9534

shelly@sdcollegeadmissions.com

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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HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY (GED)

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

Kristin Larson

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(See pages 4-5)

INFINITE CAMPUS

Teri Jung

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JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES (JAG)

<https://doe.sd.gov/JAG-sd/>

Beth Schneider

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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)

Becky Cain

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NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

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

Allison Englund

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NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC)

<https://doe.sd.gov/assessment/NCRC.aspx>

Barb Unruh

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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

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- School Counseling Specialist

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- School Psychologists Liaison

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- School Social Workers Liaison

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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

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SD SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (SDSCA)

sdschoolcounselors.com

Char Soukup (SDSCA)

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SOUTH DAKOTA MYLIFE (SDMYLIFE)

sdmylife.com

SDMyLife Support System document:

<https://sdmylife.com/educators>

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SOUTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

sdos.sdbor.edu

- SD Board of Regents
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scholarships@sdbor.edu

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES

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

SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health

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855-878-6057

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SUICIDE PREVENTION

- 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-1024.pdf>

- Andrea Effling
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- Providers Offering Telehealth Services:
https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency_co_unity/telehealth_services.pdf
SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health
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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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- 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
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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>
Teri Jung
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- Alternative Instruction Notification (Home School)
<https://doe.sd.gov/oatq/homeschooling.aspx>
Megan Tatum
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- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Courses Meeting Graduation Requirements
Tracia Rentsch
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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
Tracia Rentsch
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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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- High School Equivalency (GED)
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- Industry-Recognized Credentials
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- Online High School Courses (not dual credit)
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- Specialized Education (SPED) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
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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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