

Upcoming Events

December

- 1 – CTE for Core Content Applications Due
- 3-7 – NAAE Conference
- 4 – SDMyLife Webinar
- 4-7 – CareerTech VISION Conference
- 8-9 – FFA State Leadership Development Event
- 11 – FBLA Officer Leadership Institute

College was once seen as steak while Career and Technical Education was seen as hamburger.

Today, college is still steak, but CTE has become lobster. In the ideal K-12 school setting, all students would be engaged in high quality “Surf N’ Turf”

- Michael Armbruster

SDMyLife Career Aptitude Assessment Now Available

SDMyLife powered by Xello’s all-new skills assessment was added to student accounts on Friday, November 15.

Skills Lab is a brand new, 35 question survey for students in grades 9-12. This engaging, interactive survey asks students to consider their preferences for using a variety of skills. Their skills assessment results are combined with results from their Matchmaker interest assessment to refine career matches and provide a more comprehensive evaluation of career fit.

Skills Lab is designed to help schools meet Administrative Rule 24:43:11:08. By administering this assessment, schools will

meet the career aptitude assessment piece of administrative rule 24:43:11:08.

Educators can review and test out the Skills Lab assessment in a demo student account.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan.tatum@state.sd.us.

Say Hello to Skills Lab

A new assessment in your Xello account

sdmylife



A note from DCTE Director Laura Scheibe:

I wanted to send a thank you to everyone who participated in the regional Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CTE-CLNA) meetings over the past month. We know it was difficult for you to take time away from your schools to attend. I hope you found the information useful and that it gives you a better sense of where we are all headed on this journey together. As was mentioned a number of times: we do not yet have all the answers. We are excited to get this going at the district and consortia levels and really road test all the ideas that we have put together over the course of the past 18 months, together with your feedback and the law as our guide. If we need to course correct and can do so, we will. We are here to support you in this work, and feel strongly that four years from now, when we get to look back at what we have accomplished for the students of South Dakota, it will have been worthwhile.

Knowing there are still questions out there as you start digging in, please know you can

always reach out to any of us. If you want to hang out and hear what questions others might have (or pose your own), we have two Q&A office hours: see below. No agenda; just come and chat.

Thanks for going on this journey with us, and we look forward to the trip!

Consortia Q&A Office Hours:

Nov. 20 11:30am-1pm Central Time

Dec. 11 11:30am-1pm Central Time

Consortia Decision Pre-Notification – Dec. 18

Formal consortia Agreements

Due – Jan. 15

Link to [November Meeting](#) or Join by Phone

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In The News

MTI graduation rate ranks well nationally

Bartekoske to impact young career paths

SD FFA members leave their mark on Indianapolis

Culinary artists named Pierre fine arts performers of the week

MTI back in the running for Aspen top honors in 2021

Southeast Teach gets nod from Aspen Institute

MHS Senior eyes medical career after student leadership conference

Educators Rising teaches high school student about all ranges of education

Yankton High School internship program steps into the spotlight

South Dakota LEADS Conference:

Motivating individuals to make difference

Governor Kristi Noem is hosting the inaugural South Dakota LEADS Conference, Dec. 9, at the Convention Center in Sioux Falls. The free, one-day event is comprised of three tracks for students, teachers and women. Keynote speaker Clint Pulver will address the "Significant Student Leader." Also, on the agenda: the Set Me Free Project, a nonprofit organization focused on fighting sex trafficking through prevention education for youth and families. To learn more and to register, visit sdleads.sd.gov.

- The **student conference** will energize students to amplify the power they have to make a difference. It's open to middle and high school students. This conference will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The **educator conference** will encourage and motivate administrators, counselors, teachers, and school leaders at all levels. Educators will be reminded of the power they hold to influence students' lives. This conference will run from 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- The **women's conference** will empower women to lead in their communities. Community and state organizations will share about their missions and share information on how people can get involved. Attendees are encouraged to bring gently used professional clothing to donate to women's organizations that assist women in need. This conference will run from 2 to 6:30 p.m.

Questions can be directed to the Governor's Office at (605) 773-5999 or sdleads@state.sd.us.

NCRC News

The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) can be used for the Advanced Career Endorsement with the 2018 high school graduation requirements and the Build Dakota scholarship. Additionally, the NCRC assists students in demonstrating career readiness by matching their skill level to thousands of occupations using the [Job Profiles Database](#). [Learn more about the NCRC.](#)

If you have not yet already, please complete and submit an [application](#) for the 2019-20 school year.

During the 2019-20 school year, 356 students have been assessed:

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Incomplete	No Certificate	Total
158	263	301	179	4	41	946
16.70%	27.80%	31.82%	18.92%	0.42%	4.33%	100.00%

Assessment Tip:

View [sample questions](#) before the assessment day.



The Division of Career and Technical Education wants to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you, for your expertise, guidance, feedback, and especially the enthusiasm you have for your CTE programs and your students. Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving and holiday season.

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