

We Want to Showcase YOU! Make 2021 the Year of South Dakota CTE!

Career and Technical Education has made great strides in South Dakota over the last decade! CTE courses are now a much-desired destination for all students.

With the goal of CTE being to empower all students with nationwide and global opportunities, while providing lifelong learning with academic and technical preparedness to succeed in their chosen careers, the opportunities you're providing your students truly has an impact far beyond your own community, state or even country.

The Department of Education would like to promote CTE programs around the state. Each month in 2021 we'll feature a different South Dakota CTE story. This includes any approved CTE cluster, associated CTSO, CTE students, etc. How have your programs impacted your school, or your community? How have your CTE related organizations contributed to a common goal? You may possibly have an inspiring way that you've continued to promote and grow your CTE programs despite the challenges the Covid-19 pandemic has presented? Please share with us, so we can show you off! Email your stories or any related questions you may have to your regional contact or kara.sch-weitzer@k12.sd.us.

The Ultimate College and Career Resource Guide Created for South Dakota Students

South Dakota students are hard at work getting ready to apply to colleges, universities, and technical schools. To help students navigate the overwhelming world of resources, the South Dakota Statewide Family Engagement Center (SFEC) has created [The Ultimate College and Career Resource Guide](#). This is a free online "one-stop-shop" resource guide to provide students, families, schools, and communities tools to support this key transition time. From exploring careers to looking at colleges to figuring out how to pay for college, this guide will help students and their families confidently plan for the future.

SFEC Director, Morgan VonHaden, says, "The Ultimate College and Career Resource Guide is truly an amazing resource that our team put together for all students and families. We knew that there were already a lot of resources out there, but we wanted to gather the best resources together into a comprehensive guide for college, career, and 'What do I need to know next?' You don't know what you don't know, and we hope this will help students from all walks of life find guidance when making those decisions."

The Ultimate College and Career Resource Guide reinforces SFEC's mission to strive to ensure that all learners—especially English Language Learners, economically disadvantaged learners, and minority students—have the supports they need to achieve academic, career, and life goals.

About the [SD Statewide Family Engagement Center](#): What is Family Engagement? It

is when schools, community partners, and families work together so that all children succeed. South Dakota was one of thirteen states that received a multi-million-dollar five-year Statewide Family Engagement Center grant from the U.S. Department of Education in 2018. The grantees, a partnership between West River Foundation, educational cooperative BHSSC, SD Dept. of Education, and SD Parent Connection have established the SD Statewide Family Engagement Center which focuses on "cradle-to-career" supports for students, parents, families, and community-based organizations. Work is divided into three pillars to provide resources, training and support to students.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Ultimate College and Career Resource Guide. At the top, it says "Ultimate College and Career Resource Guide" with the URL sdsfec.org/college-career-guide. Below this is a grid of nine navigation buttons: "Adult Education", "Career Exploration", "College Bound", "English Learners", "Financial Literacy", "Paying for College", "South Dakota Resources", "Students With Disabilities", and "Work Ready". At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with the text "Your Journey to College and Career Starts Here!" followed by a paragraph: "Whether you are a high school student, a family member, or an adult looking for a better career, finding information and resources to help can be overwhelming. That's why we created the ULTIMATE COLLEGE AND CAREER RESOURCE GUIDE. Find everything you need for college and career planning in one place!" The footer features the "SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER" logo.



In The News

SD FFA Members Win Awards

Webster FFA Chapter Gets Grant

Western Dakota Tech Adds Cattle on Campus

SD FFA Members Earn American Degrees

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CTE for Core Content Applications Due Dec. 1

South Dakota schools may offer students the opportunity to earn academic credit by completing approved career and technical education courses that address the pertinent standards within the curriculum. Approval to offer credit must be obtained through an application process with the Department of Education.

Assessment of standards by methods including end-of-course exams, authentic assessment, project-based learning or rubrics.

Applications must be submitted by December 1 for the following school year. You can find more information at <https://doe.sd.gov/cte/corecontentcredit.aspx>

The application must include:

- Course syllabus;
- Standards based curriculum;
- Teacher certification;

Public comment on CTE content standards

Public Comment is still open on proposed revisions to the following standards:

- Architecture & Construction,
- Education & Training,
- Foundations of CTE,
- Information Technology,
- Law, Public Safety & Security, and

- Science Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)

Please feel free to review the proposed changes and submit public comment here: <https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/review.aspx>



NCRC Update

The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) can be used for the Advanced Career Endorsement with the 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 2020 – 2021 school year.

To date during the 2020-2021 school year, 879 students have been assessed:

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Incomplete	No Certificate	Total
143	200	313	166	2	55	879
16.27%	22.75%	35.61%	18.89%	0.23%	6.26%	100%

Assessment Tip:

There are over [1,200 employers](#) in South Dakota who recognize the NCRC..