South Dakota Department of Education  
**Contact Sheet for School Counselors**

Below are SD DOE staff members and relevant entities that 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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### Career Camps

[https://sdmylife.com/prepping-for-career-career-camps](https://sdmylife.com/prepping-for-career-career-camps)  
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### Career Launch (includes SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation Career Advisors)

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### Certification

[https://doe.sd.gov/certification/counselor.aspx](https://doe.sd.gov/certification/counselor.aspx) (School Counselor Certification)  
[https://doe.sd.gov/certification/](https://doe.sd.gov/certification/) (General Certification)  
**Certification Office**  
[certification@state.sd.us](mailto:certification@state.sd.us)

### Course Codes

[https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/commoncourse.aspx](https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/commoncourse.aspx)  
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### Council on College Admission in South Dakota (CCASD)

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### CTE Regional Specialists

[https://doe.sd.gov/cte/cteregions.aspx](https://doe.sd.gov/cte/cteregions.aspx)

### Dual Credit

[https://sdmylife.com/prepping-for-college/dual-credit](https://sdmylife.com/prepping-for-college/dual-credit)  
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### Freedom Scholarship

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### High School Graduation Requirements

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### Infinite Campus

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### Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG)

[https://doe.sd.gov/JAG-sd/](https://doe.sd.gov/JAG-sd/)  
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### Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

[https://doe.sd.gov/sped/mtss.aspx](https://doe.sd.gov/sped/mtss.aspx)

- **Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)**  
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**Bring Your “A” Game to Work**  
[https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_service/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_service/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx)  
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National Board Certification
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National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)
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Our Dakota Dreams (Prep for Postsecondary & Financial Aid)
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Parent & Counselor Resources:
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School-Based Mental Health Providers
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South Dakota Virtual School (SDVS)
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Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services
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Suicide Prevention
• https://sdsuicideprevention.org
  (Suicide Prevention Stats & Resources)
• https://doe.sd.gov/suicideprevention
  (Youth Suicide Awareness & Prevention Training for Educator Certification)

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  https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency_county/telehealth_services.pdf
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- Week of Work
  https://sdweekofwork.com
- Youth Labor Laws

High School Graduation Requirements https://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements

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  o Listing Earned Advanced Endorsements on Transcripts
    See Student Data Collections Desk Guide:
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