

# 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.

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

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### **Accountability/SPI/4-Year Cohort**

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### **Assessment**

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### **Bring Your "A" Game to Work**

[https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/training\\_opportunities/soft\\_skills\\_training.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx)

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### **Build Dakota Scholarship**

[builddakotascholarships.com](http://builddakotascholarships.com)  
*Deni Amundson (Program Manager)*  
605-347-1804  
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### **Capstone Experiences**

(Entrepreneurship Experience, Senior Experience, Service Learning, Youth Internship, Youth Apprenticeship)

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### **Career Camps**

<https://sdmylife.com/prepping-for-career/career-camps>

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### **Career Launch (includes SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation Career Advisors)**

<https://careerlaunchsd.com/>  
*Aaron Morlock*  
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### **Certification**

[https://doe.sd.gov/certification/course\\_lor.aspx](https://doe.sd.gov/certification/course_lor.aspx) (School Counselor Certification)  
<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/certification@state.sd.us> (General Certification)  
Certification Office

### **Course Codes**

<https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/commoncourse.aspx>

Division of Learning & Instruction  
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(see page 3)

### **CPR Requirement**

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### **College Readiness/Remediation**

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### **Council on College Admission in South Dakota (CCASD)**

<https://sdcollegeadmissions.com/>  
*Joann Huber (CCASD)*  
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### **CTE Regional Specialists**

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

### **Dual Credit**

<https://sdmylife.com/prepping-for-college/dual-credit>  
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### **Freedom Scholarship**

<https://www.freedomshipssd.com>

### **High School Graduation Requirements**

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### **Infinite Campus**

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### **Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)**

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### **Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)**

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

- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)  
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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](http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/ncrc/default.aspx)

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- Caitlin Kemnitz (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)  
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### **Our Dakota Dreams (Prep for Postsecondary & Financial Aid)**

<https://ourdakotadreams.com>

Parent & Counselor Resources:

<https://ourdakotadreams.com/why-college/parents/>

### **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 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](https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/cmhc_flyer.pdf)

SD Dept. of Social Services - Division of Behavioral Health

605-367-5236

855-878-6057

[dssdbh@state.sd.us](mailto:dssdbh@state.sd.us)

### **SD Counseling Association (SDCA)**

<https://sdcounseling.org>

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### **SD School Counselor Association (SDSCA)**

<https://sdschoolcounselors.com>

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### **South Dakota Mapping Your Future**

<https://southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org/>

Counselor Resources:

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

### **South Dakota MyLife (SDMyLife)**

<https://sdmylife.com/>

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### **South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship**

<https://sdos.sdbor.edu>

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### **South Dakota Virtual School (SDVS)**

[www.sdvs.k12.sd.us](http://www.sdvs.k12.sd.us)

Division of Learning & Instruction

605-773-6400

[doesdvirtualaeducation@state.sd.us](mailto:doesdvirtualaeducation@state.sd.us)

### **Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services**

[https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud\\_flyer.pdf](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**

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

### **Telemental Health**

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

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- Providers Offering Telehealth Services:  
[https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency\\_county/telehealth\\_services.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency_county/telehealth_services.pdf)  
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### **Waivers**

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

Accreditation Office

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## **Work-Based Learning (WBL)** <http://doe.sd.gov/cte/wbl.aspx>

- WBL, Week of Work and Capstone Experiences  
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*Aaron Morlock (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)*  
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- Week of Work  
<https://sdweekofwork.com>
- Youth Labor Laws  
[https://dlr.sd.gov/employment\\_laws/youth\\_employment.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/employment_laws/youth_employment.aspx)

## **High School Graduation Requirements** <https://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements>

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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  
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  - Advanced & Advanced Honors Endorsements  
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  - Listing Earned Advanced Endorsements on Transcripts  
See Student Data Collections Desk Guide:  
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- Course Content Standards
  - Career & Technical Education (CTE)  
See Career Cluster pages:  
[https://doe.sd.gov/cte/career\\_clusters.aspx](https://doe.sd.gov/cte/career_clusters.aspx)
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- Industry-Recognized Credentials  
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- Special Education (SPED) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)  
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