

South Dakota Department of Education Contact List for School Counselors Updated: August 2026

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.

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ACT TEST PREP (METHODIZE)

sdmylife.com/preparing-for-college/methodize *Kara Schweitzer*
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ADMINISTRATIVE RULE WAIVERS

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)

- ELA, Math, and Science Interim Assessments
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- ACCESS (EL) Assessment
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- NAEP
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

sdbehavioralhealth.gov

School Toolkit: sdbehavioralhealth.gov/schooltoolkit

SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health (DBH)

605-367-5236, 855-878-6057

dssdbh@state.sd.us

- Community Mental Health Centers (DBH)
dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/cmhc_flyer.pdf
- School-Based Mental Health Providers
doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/
Overview of School-Based Mental Health Providers in South Dakota:
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
Kristin Larson
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- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services (DBH)
dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud_flyer.pdf
- Suicide Prevention
 - Stats & Resources:
sdsuicideprevention.org/action/professionals/educators
 - Youth Suicide Awareness & Prevention Trainings for Educators:
doe.sd.gov/suicideprevention
- Telemental Health
doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/documents/Telemental-0725.pdf
 - *Andrea Effling*
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 - Providers Offering Telehealth Services:
dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency_county/telehealth_services.pdf

BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP

builddakotascholarships.com

Deni Martin (Program Manager)

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CAPSTONE EXPERIENCES

(See Work-Based Learning section on page 3)

CERTIFICATION

doe.sd.gov/certification/counselor.aspx

(School Counselor Certification)

doe.sd.gov/certification/ (General Certification)

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)

sdcollegeadmissions.com

Shelly Lammers (CCASD)

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CTE REGIONAL SPECIALISTS

doe.sd.gov/cte/cteregions.aspx

DUAL CREDIT

ourdakotadreams.com/high-school/dual-credit/

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ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

doe.sd.gov/cte/essentialskills.aspx

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HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY (GED)

doe.sd.gov/GED/

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(See pages 4-5)

INFINITE CAMPUS

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JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES (JAG)

doe.sd.gov/JAG-sd/

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MAPPING YOUR FUTURE

(resources and trainings related to financial aid and career & college preparation)

southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org

Counselor Resources: tinyurl.com/ypyeus7r

feedback@mappingyourfuture.org

800-374-4072

MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (MTSS)

doe.sd.gov/sped/mtss.aspx

- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) and Response to Intervention (RtI)

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NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

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

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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 COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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SD COUNSELING ASSOCIATION (SDCA)

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SD SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION (SDSCA)

sd.schoolcounselors.com

Amanda Bender (SDSCA)

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SOUTH DAKOTA MYLIFE (SDMYLIFE)

sdmylife.com

SDMyLife Support System document:

sdmylife.com/educators

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SOUTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

sdos.sdbor.edu

- *Rhea Potter (SD Board of Regents)*
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WORK-BASED LEARNING

careerready.sd.gov

- Capstone Experiences
doe.sd.gov/cte/capstone.aspx
Melissa Ettswold
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- Education and Industry Connections
[Free Career Readiness Resources](#)
Morgan Heuer (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)
605-789-2275
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- Registered Apprenticeships
Start Today SD (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)
starttoday.sd.com
605-910-7031
starttoday@state.sd.us
- WBL
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WORK-BASED LEARNING eLEARNING COURSES

- Big Interview
dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/big_interview.aspx
- Bring Your 'A' Game Anywhere
dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx
Complete and submit [School Login Request](#)
- Grow with Google
dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/grow-with-google.aspx
Complete and submit [School Login Request](#)
- Northstar Digital Literacy
dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/northstar.aspx

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements

- 18 Compulsory Age
Megan Tatum
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 - 504 Plan
605-773-3678
See Regional Representative at:
doe.sd.gov/sped/
 - Advanced Computer Science Replacing a Science Elective
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:
doe.sd.gov/ofm/sims.aspx
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 - Alternative Instruction Notification (Home School)
doe.sd.gov/oatq/homeschooling.aspx
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 - Career & Technical Education (CTE) Courses Meeting Graduation Requirements
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 - Course Requirements to Graduate
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 - Course Codes
doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/commoncourses.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
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- Course Content Standards
doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/
 - Career & Technical Education (CTE)
See Career Cluster pages:
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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 - High School Equivalency (GED)
doe.sd.gov/GED/
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 - Industry-Recognized Credentials
doe.sd.gov/cte/industry.aspx
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- Online High School Courses (not dual credit) *Melissa Bothun*
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- Special Education (SPED) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
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See Regional Representative at:
doe.sd.gov/sped/
- Transcripts, Listing Earned Advanced Endorsements, and Industry-Recognized Credentials
See Student Data Collections Desk Guide:
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