

## **SD RETHINKING K-12 EDUCATION MODELS (REM) GRANT**

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded the South Dakota Department of Education a three-year Rethinking K-12 Education Models (REM) Grant in the amount of \$6,883,481. The grant aims to support educators and schools across the state in implementing high-quality instructional practices along a continuum of settings: in-person, online, or through blended learning.

Grant Objective/Activity #1: teaching online certificate

**Schools will have AT LEAST one teacher per building who complete a teaching online certificate**

- The grant will fund coursework/training in delivering high quality, engaging online or blended learning for one educator from each public and private school. The coursework will be provided by a qualified institution that offers a teaching online certificate (Quality Matters, The Online Learning Consortium, etc.)
- The department will contact schools with additional details and request each school identify one individual who is interested in completing the coursework.
- **Applications ARE ONGOING through May 2023**

Grant Objective/Activity #2: Professional Learning for Educators

**At least 1,600 educators will complete an online professional learning series to increase their capacity in competency-based, knowledge-rich, and whole-child instructional approaches.**

- A three-year professional learning series has been developed and is currently being facilitated by trained SD administrators, teachers, and learning specialist.
- CEU certificates or graduate credits are available for all participants..
- **APPLICATIONS ARE ONGOING though January 2023**

Grant Objective/Activity #3: ReThinking Education Colloquium

**Thirty school leadership teams will participate in a three-year colloquium that will explore and pilot competency-based, knowledge-rich, and whole-child instructional approaches.**

- As of Fall **2020**, colloquium content has been developed, and school leadership teams are formed for cohort one. Each team includes an administrator, two classroom teachers, a special education teacher or director, one school board member, and one parent.
- Colloquium teams will meet for two days each spring and fall and three days each summer.
- Classroom teachers will be able to earn nine graduate credits through South Dakota State University if they participate in the SDSU Graduate course each fall.
- **Cohort Two Applications will open in February 2022.**

Grant Objective/Activity #4: Postsecondary Curriculum

**Postsecondary curriculum that focuses on competency- and problem-based learning will be developed for pre-service teachers.**

- SDSU/USD/BHSU/NSU/DSU education professors will begin developing the curriculum/modules in **Spring 2022**. It will reflect best practices and the needs of students.

Grant Objective/Activity #5: Family Engagement

**The department will partner with the South Dakota Statewide Family Engagement Center (SD SFEC) to assist families in supporting their child's learning and to support schools in engaging with families.**

- The grant will fund development of content and resources to incorporate into the professional learning series and the colloquium.
- The SD SFEC will gather feedback from parents across the state to discern the needs of families and inform the department and grant activities.
- An accessible bank of resources for parents will be developed to expand communication and engagement among families and schools.