

APPLICATION for a Waiver from an Administrative Rule

Courses offered Before Grade Nine for High School Credit

_____ School District hereby applies for a waiver from certain South Dakota administrative rules that govern school accreditation, using the procedures outlined in § 24:43:08.

It is the intent of the _____ School District to implement the strategies for continued school improvement as outlined herein, and to annually report on the implementation of the of those strategies as described in § 24:43:08:08.

The _____ Board of Education has held a public hearing and approved this application. It is understood that the school district must continue to comply with all other administrative rules, including chapter 24:43:11.

The school district will continue to submit all required accreditation reports, plans, and certifications to the South Dakota Department of Education on time.

Signature of Supt. of Schools/Chief Educational Officer

Date

Signature of Board of Education President

Date

For Department Use Only

Received: _____

Reviewed: _____

Reviewer: _____

Recommendation: _____

Department of Education Secretary's Action: ____ Approve ____ Deny

Department of Secretary's Signature: _____

Effective Date of Waiver (*Minimum 60 days after receipt*): _____

Report Due Date: _____

Section I – Application Details

Applying School District: _____

Participating Attendance Centers: _____

Local Public Hearing Date: _____

Local Board Approval Date: _____

Date Submitted to the Department of Education: _____

Section II - Waiver Schedule

Intended Date for Waiver Implementation: _____

(This date is always July 1 for fall implementation unless the district requests and explains the reasons for an alternate date.)

Proposed Years of Waiver: _____

(Maximum of 5 school terms, which begin July 1 of each year.)

If this is a renewal of a current waiver about to expire, an End of Waiver Term Report is required: <http://doe.sd.gov/oatq/documents/EndWaiver.pdf> Submit this report with the application to renew.

Section III - Administrative Rules to be Waived

List the administrative rule number and title for which this waiver is being requested.

Administrative rules are available online at <http://legis.state.sd.us/index.aspx>

For a waiver for high school credit before grade nine, the district will want to waive administrative rule 24:43:11:01.

Section IV – Course(s) for Which Exemption is Being Proposed

Section V - Reasons for Waiver Request

Explain the reasons the district is requesting a waiver from administrative rule. The district must explain why the plans outlined in this application will better meet local learning goals, enhance educational opportunities, promote equity, or increase accountability.

Section VI - Verification of Administrative Rule Intent

Explain how the intent of the administrative rule for which the waiver is being requested will be met if the waiver is granted.

Faculty teaching waived courses in any content area must be South Dakota certified to teach not only the content area waived at the high school level, but also the grade level at which they are offering instruction.

List teacher providing instruction for each course included on application:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

If at any time during the timeframe this waiver is valid a teacher listed here is no longer the teacher of record, the district must notify the Department of Education with the name of the newly assigned educator.

Section VII – Assurance of Rigor (Where applicable)

Describe the school district’s plan for offering continuing educational opportunities in the waived content area, where applicable.

Section VIII- Evaluation

Evaluation:

A school district or nonpublic school or program that has been granted a waiver shall implement its plan for evaluation of the waiver as required by ARSD 24:43:08:02. A public school district that has been granted a waiver shall include a report of the waiver evaluation in its annual review of its approved five-year district improvement plan as required by ARSD 24:43:02:01 (ARSD 24:43:08:08)

The South Dakota DOE Division of Accreditation will verify that the school improvement plan includes a component for evaluating the intent of all ARSD waivers held by the school/school district.

Adding Waived Course Credits to High School Transcripts:

If the department has approved a waiver that allows a school district to teach a high school-level course to students below grade nine, credit for the course shall appear on each student’s high school transcript with the unit of credit and a letter grade upon meeting the criteria for passage applied to the high school level. The unit of credit must be included in the credits required for high school graduation and the letter grade must be calculated in the high school cumulative grade point average. (ARSD 24:43:08:12)