

College Readiness Coursework

Taking a college readiness course in high school can save students up to \$1,000 and a semester's worth of time.

Department of Education college readiness coursework is offered through Lake Area Technical College. The Board of Regents offers a related program in math with slightly different eligibility requirements through the Northern State University E-Learning Center.

	Lake Area Technical College	Northern State University E-Learning Center
Courses	Intermediate Algebra (MATH 101) English Language Arts, Practical Writing (EN 100)	Year-Long College Algebra Cours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First semester: Math for College Readiness (MATH 095) • Second semester: HSDC College Algebra (MATH 114)
Eligibility	<p>For seniors who have modest skill gaps in math and English</p> <p>Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2 on the SD Math Assessment • ACT math score of less than 20** <p>English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2 on the SD ELA Assessment • ACT English score of less than 18** <p><i>**If students retake the ACT and meet the threshold for BOR acceptance, they do not need remedial coursework.</i></p>	<p>For juniors and seniors who are college-bound and want to take College Algebra in a supportive environment in high school.</p> <p>Successful completion of first semester, guarantees students a seat in the second semester HSDC College Algebra course with the same teacher and at the same time.</p>
Course format	<p>Students complete coursework on their own time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully asynchronous course for spring semester (January-May 2023) 	<p>Year-long with coursework embedded into the student's school day. Each week during the semester scheduled as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 days of synchronous instructor-led class connections • 2 days of online coursework • 1 day of work time
After completing the course	<p>Earning a qualifying Accuplacer assessment score allows students to place directly into credit-bearing math or ELA coursework at any South Dakota public university or technical college.</p> <p>Passing a course allows students to place directly into a credit-bearing math or ELA course at Lake Area Technical College.</p>	<p>Students will earn three college credits in College Algebra (MATH 114)</p>
Availability	<p>Department of Education funds will pay for a total of 80 students per school year</p>	
Cost	<p>\$615 up front, with reimbursement after completion of the course</p>	<p>No cost to students or school districts for first semester coursework. Second semester coursework requires HSDC tuition (\$144.99).*</p> <p>* Scholarships available for students who qualify for free and reduced lunch or who are first-generation college students.</p>
Registration	<p>Students must register for the coursework via their local school district.</p>	<p>Students must register for the first semester course via their local school district. Students will register for the second semester course via the Northern State University dual credit webpage.</p>
High school credit	<p>It is a local decision for school districts to offer these courses for a half credit of elective math using course code 02138 or elective ELA using course code 99999.</p>	<p>Successful completion of year-long coursework fulfills one high school math unit. First semester using Math for College Readiness course code 02138. Second semester using HSDC College Algebra (MATH 114) coding.</p>
Questions from school districts	<p>Contact Stephanie Higdon with the South Dakota Department of Education or Lee Quale at Lake Area Technical College.</p>	<p>Contact Mary Cundy at Northern State University. Visit ourdakotadreams.com</p>