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Board adopts new content standards in CTE career clusters

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Education adopted new career and technical education standards in six career clusters at its meeting earlier today. New standards include Architecture & Construction, Education & Training, Foundational Career & Technical Education, Information Technology, Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections, and Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM).

“Workforce needs are changing all the time, so it’s important for our career and technical education standards to be on the cutting edge,” said Tiffany Sanderson, director of career and technical education for the South Dakota Department of Education.

Standards work group members included secondary career and technical education teachers, postsecondary faculty, industry representatives and other stakeholders. The new standards can be found at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/index.aspx>.

Work groups will begin meeting this summer to revise career and technical education content standards in six more career clusters: Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications; Finance; Health Science; Human Services and Manufacturing. Public hearings on the standards these groups will propose are scheduled to start later this year.