

**24:28:01:01. Meaning of terms.** Terms used in this article mean:

- (1) "Administrator," an individual who completes an approved program for principals or school superintendents at an accredited institution or completes an alternative certification program and is issued a certificate;
- (2) "Alternative certification," an alternative process of completing teacher or administrator certification requirements while simultaneously employed as a teacher or administrator in a public or department-accredited school;
- (3) "Applicant," an individual applying for an initial or renewed educator certificate;
- (4) "Approved program," courses and experiences requiring completion of a degree with a major or its equivalent, which meets the preparation standards of article 24:53, or an educational preparation program delivered by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education, which meets the preparation standards of another state's educational agency;
- (5) "Assigned cooperating teacher," a certified teacher who is partnered with a student teacher during the student teacher's student teaching experience;
- (6) "Associate degree," a minimum of forty-eight college credit hours from a regionally-accredited or state-approved institution;
- (7) "Bachelor's degree," a postsecondary degree awarded to an individual after completion of undergraduate coursework approximating one hundred and twenty credits;
- (8) "Board," the South Dakota Board of Education Standards;
- (9) "Categorical special education endorsement," an endorsement that allows the certificate holder to perform services for students in one or more specified disability categories, but does not qualify the certificate holder to provide generalized special education services for all students;

- (10) "CEO," a chief executive officer of a school or district;
- (11) "Certificate," a recognition by the secretary of education that authorizes the holder to perform educational services;
- (12) "Continuing education contact hour," one hour documented by participation in an educational professional development opportunity;
- (13) "Credit," the equivalent of fifteen continuing education contact hours;
- (14) "Department," the South Dakota Department of Education;
- (15) "Department-accredited school," any public or private school, issued accreditation by the department pursuant to article 24:43;
- (16) "Designated recommending official," the official from an accredited institution with approved education programs who is authorized to verify completion of preparation and recommend certification;
- (17) "Dual credit course," university or postsecondary technical institute courses taught in high schools to eligible, enrolled students by university or postsecondary technical institute instructors, and offering the opportunity to receive both high school and postsecondary credit upon completion;
- (18) "Education specialist," an individual who serves as a school counselor, school psychologist, school psychological examiner, curriculum director, special education director, mentor teacher, mentor school counselor, technology integrationist, or technology coordinator, and is issued a certificate;
- (19) "Educator," a person employed by a school or school district in a position requiring a certificate;

(20) "Educator permit," a type of certificate that restricts the holder to the endorsement indicated on the certificate;

(21) "Endorsement," the content and subject areas in which the educator is certified;

(22) "Inactive certificate," a certificate issued to a certificate holder with a valid certificate, who is not acting as an educator and requests the certificate become inactive for a period of five years;

(23) "Leadership role," work experience in which an individual's assignment in the organization is designated as a position of authority with responsibility for regulating the relationships between and among people;

(24) "Long-term substitute," an individual acting as a teacher of record for:

(a) No more than forty-five cumulative school days in a vacant teaching position while a school district pursues a contract for a teacher; or

(b) More than forty-five cumulative school days when a teacher is on a temporary leave of absence, if: the teacher's leave of absence is granted pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. § 2601, et seq. as amended to March 18, 2020, by the school; or the individual has a valid or inactive teaching certificate;

(25) "Major in content," a minimum of twenty-seven semester hours of coursework, with a grade point average of 2.7 or higher, which count toward completion of the degree, not including remedial coursework, from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education, taken in a subject area as identified on an official transcript or verified by the institution of higher education from which the degree was received;

(26) "Mentor," an educator who provides support and assistance to other educators;

(27) "Military personnel and spouse," an applicant who holds a valid certificate issued by another state or the District of Columbia and is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States or the spouse of an active duty member and is the subject of a military transfer to South Dakota;

(28) "Pedagogical knowledge," an understanding of learning, human development, professional ethics, motivational techniques, cultural and individual differences, instructional strategies, classroom management, and assessment strategies that impact the learner;

(29) "Preparation," the type of educational preparation an educator has completed to meet certification requirements;

(30) "Professional development plan," a plan submitted to the department by an applicant completing administrator alternative certification, describing how the applicant will demonstrate evidence of meeting requirements for alternative administrator certification;

(31) "Provisional certificate," a one-year certificate issued to an ~~out-of-state~~ educator in order for the educator to complete the course requirements for South Dakota Indian studies;

(32) "Reciprocal certification," the process by which the secretary recognizes an educator certificate issued by another state and issues an equivalent South Dakota certificate;

(33) "Regionally-accredited institution of higher education," a college or university accredited by the official accrediting agency of the state in which the institution is located, or accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), a non-governmental agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;

(34) "School partner," a preschool-through-twelfth-grade school that collaborates with any higher education institution in designing, developing, and implementing field experiences, clinical practice, delivery of instruction, and research;

(35) "Secretary," the secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education or the secretary's designee;

(36) "Self-contained," a classroom in which one teacher provides instruction in multiple subjects to the same students for the majority of the student's instructional day;

(37) "Specialized learning experience," an education-related learning experience that incorporates the applicant's occupational field and teaching area and is not obtained through academic coursework or continuing education;

~~(38)~~ "South Dakota Indian studies," a three-credit-hour course approved by the department, that meets the requirements identified in 13-1-48, and identified on an official transcript with a grade of C or higher;

~~(38)~~(39) "State-designated content test," the assessment of content knowledge used to meet certification requirements with passing scores established by the board;

~~(39)~~(40) "State-designated coursework," required coursework within a content area used to meet certification requirements, as specified by the department;

~~(40)~~(41) "State-designated pedagogy test," the assessment of pedagogical knowledge used to meet certification requirements, with passing scores established by the board;

~~(41)~~(42) "Student teacher," an individual who is completing an in-depth, direct teaching experience in a school setting conducted as a culminating, field-based experience for an educator preparation program;

~~(42)~~(43) "Teach For America," a national teacher corps that recruits recent college graduates to commit two years to teach in low-income rural and urban communities;

~~(43)~~(44) "Teacher," an individual who completes an approved teacher education program at an accredited institution or completes an alternative certification program, and is issued a certificate;

~~(44)~~(45) "Teacher education program," an educational preparation program delivered by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education;

~~(45)~~(46) "Teacher of record," a teacher who develops the lesson plans and delivers the instruction to students;

~~(46)~~(47) "Temporary certificate," a one-year certificate issued to an applicant with an invalid educator certificate who requires one year to complete the renewal requirements for a valid certificate; and

~~(47)~~(48) "Transcripted credit," graduate or undergraduate credit on a semester system, issued by a regionally-accredited institution of higher education and documented on an official transcript.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017; 45 SDR 84, effective December 19, 2018; 47 SDR 68, effective December 10, 2020; 48 SDR 60, effective December 7, 2021; 49 SDR 104, effective May 28, 2023; 50 SDR 158, effective July 3, 2024.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-48, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**CHAPTER 24:28:02**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section**

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24:28:02:03      Certificate level.

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24:28:02:02.01 Granting of provisional status. Certificate types eligible for provisional status are limited to reciprocal certificates and initial educator permits.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

24:28:02:02.02 Requirement to transfer provisional to valid status. An educator with a provisional certificate may apply for valid status upon:

- (1) Complete the applicable application provided by the department;
- (2) Pay any application fees as provided in chapter 24:28:05;
- (3) Completion of South Dakota Indian studies; and
- (4) Additional documentation upon request.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-1-48, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.



**24:28:06:02. General requirements.** An applicant shall:

- (1) Have a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education;
- (2) Complete a teacher education program from a regionally accredited institution of higher education;
- (3) Complete ~~a South Dakota Indian studies course approved by the department with a grade of C or higher~~; and
- (4) Provide a written recommendation from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, completed by the designated recommending official, which verifies satisfactory completion of the approved program and specifies each area of preparation, degree program, major, and endorsement area completed by the applicant.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-1-48, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**24:28:07:03. General requirements.** The applicant shall:

- (1) Have a ~~bachelor's~~-master's degree or higher from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education;
- (2) Complete a school superintendent or principal program from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education;
- (3) Complete a South Dakota Indian studies ~~course approved by the department with a grade of C or higher~~; and
- (4) Provide a written recommendation from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education, completed by the designated recommending official, which verifies satisfactory completion of the approved program and specifies the areas of preparation(s), degree program(s), major(s), and endorsement areas completed by the applicant.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-1-48, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**24:28:08:03. General requirements.** The applicant shall:

(1) Have a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education; ~~and~~

(2) Complete South Dakota Indian studies; and

(3) Provide a written recommendation from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education, completed by the designated recommending official, which verifies satisfactory completion of the approved program and specifies each area of preparation, degree program, major, and endorsement area completed by the applicant.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-1-48, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**CHAPTER 24:28:09**  
**EDUCATOR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

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24:28:09:55 One-year career and technical education (CTE) instructor educator permit--  
Limitations of endorsements.

**24:28:09:03. Application process for an educator permit.** An applicant for an educator permit shall submit:

- (1) A completed application;
- (2) Any application fee as provided in chapter 24:28:05;
- (3) Documentation that the requirements of the requested permit are met;
- (4) Complete South Dakota Indian studies;
- (5) Additional documentation upon request; and
- (5)(6) Recommendation from the appropriate agency, if required, that the applicant meets the requirements of the permit.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017; 50 SDR 158, effective July 3, 2024.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-1-48, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**24:28:09:03.01 Provisional permit.** The applicant who meets all requirements for an educator permit set forth in §§ 24:28:09:03 but has not completed South Dakota Indian studies may receive a provisional permit which expires on the following June 30. This permit may not be renewed.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-1-48, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**24:28:09:44. Library science permit employer requirements.** The employing school district or department-accredited school must provide a mentor ~~school librarian, approved by the state library,~~ during the first two years of employment as a librarian.

**Source:** 47 SDR 68, effective December 10, 2020.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 through 13-42-4, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.



**24:28:12:11. Requirements to complete CTE alternative certificate.** The applicant for a CTE alternative certificate shall:

- (1) Complete a minimum of 12 transcribed credit hours from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a grade of C or higher. The 12 transcribed credits must include six credits in methods of CTE and mentorship and include units on classroom management, student assessment, and differentiated instruction; a three credit adolescent psychology course; and ~~a three credit~~ South Dakota Indian studies ~~course~~;
- (2) Pass the state-designated pedagogy test;
- (3) Adhere to the South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers as set forth in chapter 24:08:03; and
- (4) Receive signoff from the applicant's employing school district or department-accredited school.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017; 47 SDR 68, effective December 10, 2020.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-1-48, 13-42-1 through 13-42-4, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**24:28:15:09. Requirements to obtain a professional administrator certificate with a superintendent endorsement.** To obtain a professional administrator certificate with a superintendent endorsement, an individual with a superintendent administrator alternative certificate shall:

- (1) Complete a minimum of 21 transcribed credits from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a grade of C or higher in the following areas:
  - (a) Leadership and district culture;
  - (b) Organizational management;
  - (c) Values and ethics of leadership;
  - (d) Educational policy and law;
  - (e) Communication;
  - (f) Community relations;
  - (g) Curriculum planning and development;
  - (h) School finance;
  - (i) Instructional management; and
  - (j) ~~Three-hour approved~~ South Dakota Indian studies ~~course~~;
- (2) Pass the state-designated content test; and
- (3) Receive signoff from the applicant's employing public or department-accredited school.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-1-48, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-42-28, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**24:28:15:10. Requirements to obtain a professional administrator certificate with a principal endorsement.** To obtain a professional administrator certificate with a principal endorsement, an individual with a principal administrator alternative certificate shall:

(1) Complete a minimum of 18 transcribed credits from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a grade of C or higher in the following areas:

- (a) Instructional leadership;
- (b) Ethical and inclusive leadership;
- (c) Cognitive coaching/facilitation skills;
- (d) Creating a safe and inclusive school environment;
- (e) Process management;
- (f) Systems management;
- (g) Educational policy and law; and
- (h) ~~Three-hour approved~~ South Dakota Indian studies ~~course~~;

(2) Pass the state-designated content test; and

(3) Receive signoff from the applicant's employing public or department-accredited school.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-1-48, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-42-28, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**24:28:15:11. Employer requirements.** A public or department-accredited school employing an individual with an administrator alternative certificate shall:

- (1) Verify the applicant has a valid educator or alternative preliminary certificate;
- (2) Document that the school attempted but was unable to hire a certified administrator prior to hiring an administrator with an alternative certificate;
- (3) Assign a mentor with experience as a school administrator to support the applicant;
- (4) Provide the applicant with information about the South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers in chapter 24:08:03, and the South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Administrators in chapter 24:11:03;
- (5) Train the applicant on the administrator and teacher evaluation system; and
- (6) Recommend the administrator alternative certificate applicant for renewal based on documented performance and progress.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-42-28, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**24:28:16:03. South Dakota Indian studies requirement.** The applicant for reciprocal certification shall ~~pass an approved~~ complete South Dakota Indian studies ~~course with a grade of C or better~~ to obtain ~~a teacher or administrator~~ an educator certificate.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-1-48, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

**24:28:16:05. Provisional certificate.** The applicant who meets all requirements for reciprocity set forth in §§ 24:28:16:01 or 24:28:16:02 but has not ~~passed the~~ completed South Dakota Indian studies ~~course~~ may receive a provisional certificate which expires on the following June 30. This certificate may be renewed once, for one additional year.

**Source:** 43 SDR 175, effective July 3, 2017.

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-1 to 13-42-4, inclusive, 13-43-5, 13-43-5.1.

## CHAPTER 24:53:09

### REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

#### Section

24:53:09:01      Preschool through grade 12 school counselor education program.

24:53:09:02      Repealed.

24:53:09:03      Birth to age 21 school psychologist education program.

24:53:09:04      Repealed.

24:53:09:05      Repealed.

24:53:09:06      Birth to age 21 special education director.

24:53:09:07      Preschool through grade 12 curriculum director program.

24:53:09:08      General requirements.

**24:53:09:08. General requirements.** Any education specialist program referenced in chapter

24:53:09, must include:

(1) A South Dakota Indian studies course approved by the department; and

(2) Incorporation of the Code of Professional Ethics created by the South Dakota

Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission contained in chapter 24:08:03, in at

least one of the courses required by any education specialist program.

#### **Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-42-3.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-1-48, 13-42-3, 13-42-4.