

South Dakota Board of Education
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held at the MacKay Building, First Floor, Library Commons, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota, Monday, January 19, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. CST, to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules:

Chapter 24:28 (Educator certification)

The effect and purpose of the rules will be to update the state certification process for educators to: streamline the certification process; eliminate unnecessary barriers to the certification process; and ensure educators meet the minimum content and pedagogical knowledge requirements expected of them prior to being certified.

The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to create a state certification system for educators that more closely aligns with the realities of education in South Dakota and to improve outdated procedures and requirements. For the last two years, the Department of Education has been leading work groups through a comprehensive study of the current certification system and has identified areas in which conflicting rules and outdated requirements have created inefficiencies and unnecessary barriers both for candidates seeking to teach in the state and for schools desiring to hire educators. When adopted, these rules will ensure that applicants meet state requirements for the courses they teach or the leadership positions they hold, but will eliminate many of the inefficiencies and barriers identified by the workgroups.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to: South Dakota Department of Education, Attn: Ferne Haddock, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota 57501; or at this website: <https://rules.sd.gov/default.aspx>. Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Education by January 18, 2017, to be considered.

At the hearing, the board will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The board may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Education at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-3553.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the South Dakota Department of Education, Attn: Ferne Haddock, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501 or <http://www.doe.sd.gov/board/index.aspx>.

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