

SOUTH DAKOTA EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION RULES

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Significant Changes	Current Rules	New Rules
<i>Name of Certificate</i>	Typically referred to as a teacher/administrator/school service specialist certificate but no official name has been adopted.	Certificate will be referred to as an Educator Certificate.
<i>Certificate Contents</i> 24:28:02:01	- Level of academic preparation, including academic majors - Validity of certificate - Professional preparation - Content/area authorization - Age/grade span authorization - Effective date - Expiration date	- Certificate Status - Certificate Level - Certificate Type - Preparation Type - Endorsement - Effective date of educator certificate - Expiration date of educator certificate
<i>Certificate Status</i> 24:28:02:02	No formal certificate status	- Valid - Expired - Invalid - Temporary - Provisional
<i>Certificate Level</i> 24:28:02:03	N/A	- Standard - Professional - Advanced
<i>Certificate Type</i> 24:28:02:04	- Teacher - Administrator - School Service Specialist - Stand-Alone Instructor	- Teacher - Administrator - Education Specialist - Educator Permit - Alternative
<i>Preparation Type</i> 24:28:02:05	Level of Academic Preparation - Birth through Preschool - Birth through Age Eight Early Childhood - Birth - Age 8 Early Childhood/Birth- Age 8 SPED - K-8 Elementary Education - K-8 Elementary Education/Special Education 5-8 Middle Level Education 7-12 Secondary Education 7-12 Career and Technical Education - K-12 Education - K-12 Special Education - Administrator - School Service Specialist	Preparation Type - Early Childhood - Elementary - Secondary - Career and Technical Education (CTE) - K-12 - Early Childhood Special Education - K-12 Special Education - Superintendent - K-12 Principal - Education Specialist - Alternative - Educator Permit

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<i>Duration and Expiration of Certificates</i> 24:28:03	• Issuance – valid from the date of application. • Certificates expire June 30th. • Certificates lapse October 1st if all renewal requirements are not completed. • One year certificate to give the applicant time to meet the renewal requirements.	• Issuance – valid from the date of issuance. • Certificates expire June 30th. • Certificates become invalid October 1st if all renewal requirements are not completed. • Hardship modification – allows DOE to extend the expiration date of the certificate without penalty for one year if it is determined there is good cause.
<i>Application, Termination and Withdrawal of Application</i> 24:28:04	• Complete appropriate application and pay fee. • Initial certificate requires six university transcribed credits obtained within the past five years. • Suicide awareness and prevention training is not required. • Applicant must reapply and resubmit the application if requirements are not complete within one year. • There is no provision for withdrawal of an application.	• Complete appropriate application and pay fee. • No requirement for six transcribed credits within past 5 years. • Complete a minimum of one clock hour of suicide awareness and prevention training (new statutory requirement). • Application is invalid 365 days after the date of the application if all requirements have not been met. • An applicant may submit a written request to withdraw an application for good cause.
<i>Fees</i> 24:28:05	Refer to Fee Comparison document	
	\$25 One Year Certificate \$33 Two Year Certificate \$51 Five Year Certificate \$86 Ten Year Certificate \$33 Any action requested by the holder which warrants review of the certification records or issuance of a new certificate.	\$35 One Year Out of State Provisional Certificate \$20 Two Year Alternative Preliminary Certificate \$60 Five Year Initial Certificate \$60 Renewal (includes 5-year teacher, administrator, education specialist, or a temporary renewal certificate for those who allowed their certificate to become invalid) \$25 Five Year Initial or Renewal Educator Permit \$25 One Year Alternative Certification Certificate \$35 Adding an endorsement(s) based on state-designated test \$50 Adding an endorsement(s) based on transcript analysis \$25 Duplicate certificate or conversion to professional or advanced certificate not during renewal \$25 Paper Application (covers administrative processing costs)

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Teacher Certificate Requirements 24:28:06	Initial certification requirements • Complete an approved education program or alternative certification program. • Complete six transcribed credits within the past five years. • Complete South Dakota Indian Studies. • Receive passing scores on the approved state certification exams (pedagogy and content). • Verification of teaching experience, work experience or proficiencies including foreign transcript analysis for a foreign applicant.	Initial certification requirements • Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. • Complete a teacher education program from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education. • Complete South Dakota Indian Studies. • Receive a passing score on state-designated pedagogy test. • Provide written recommendation from a regionally accredited institution of higher education verifying program completion. • Applicants from a foreign country must provide a transcript evaluation completed by an approved agency. • Staff employed as an instructor at a university or postsecondary technical institute is exempt from the requirement of holding a teaching certificate when teaching dual credit courses.
	Certificate Levels • N/A	Certificate Levels • Standard – new teacher. • Professional – five or more years of teaching experience. • Advanced – 5 or more years of teaching experience and an advanced degree in an education-related field or national board.
	Length of Certificate • Five year certificate. • Ten-year certificate (one time) - Applicant who has completed an advanced degree or National Board Certification.	Length of Certificate • Five year certificate.
	Preparation Types • Birth through Preschool Education Program. • Birth through age Eight Early Childhood Program. • K-8 Elementary Education Program. • K-8 Elementary Education W/5-8 Middle Level. • 7-12 Secondary Education Program. • 7-12 Secondary Education W/ 5-8 Middle Level. • 5-8 Middle Level Education Program. • Career and Technical Education Program. • K-12 Education Program. • K-12 Education W/ 5-8 Middle Level. • Birth through Age Eight Early Childhood and Birth through Age Eight Special Education Program. • K-8 Elementary Education/Special Education Program. • K-12 Special Education Program.	Preparation Types • Early Childhood Preparation (may teach in birth - grade 3). • Elementary Preparation (may teach in kindergarten – grade 8). • Secondary Preparation (may teach in grades 5-12). • Middle level preparation will no longer be required. • Career and Technical Education Preparation (grades 7-12). • K-12 Preparation (K-12 areas such as music, art, health, etc.) • Early Childhood Special Education Preparation (may teach in birth - grade 3special education setting). • Removing K-8 Special Education. • K-12 Special Education Preparation (may teach in K-12 special education setting).

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Administrator Certificate Requirements 24:28:07	Initial certification requirements - Complete an approved education program or alternative certification program. - Complete six transcribed credits within the past five years. - Complete South Dakota Indian Studies. - Receive passing scores on the approved state certification exams (pedagogy and content). - Verification of teaching experience, work experience or proficiencies including foreign transcript analysis for a foreign applicant.	Initial certification requirements - Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. - Complete a school superintendent or principal program from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education. - Complete South Dakota Indian Studies. - Receive a passing score on state-designated content test. - Provide written recommendation from a regionally accredited institution of higher education verifying completion of the approved program. - Applicants from a foreign country must provide a transcript evaluation completed by an approved agency.
	Certificate Levels N/A	Certificate Levels - Standard – new administrator. - Professional – five or more years of experience as an administrator.
	Length of certificate - Five-year certificate. - Ten-year certificate (one time only) - Applicant who has completed an advanced degree or National Board Certification.	Length of certificate Five-year certificate.
	Assistant Superintendent and Assistant Principals Assistant superintendent and assistant principal are not currently available as an endorsement.	Assistant Superintendent and Assistant Principals Must meet same requirements as a superintendent or principal. There will be a two-year delay in implementation of these requirements.
	Preparation Types - Preschool through grade 12 Career Superintendent. - Preschool through Grade 12, Preschool through Grade Eight, or Grade 7 through Grade 12 Principal.	Preparation Types - School Superintendent. - Eligible to be a school superintendent or assistant superintendent in an educational setting from early childhood through grade 12. - K-12 Principal. - Eligible to be a school principal or assistant principal in an education setting from early childhood through grade 12.

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Education Specialist Certificate Requirements 24:28:08	Initial certification requirements - Complete an approved program. - Complete six transcribed credits within the past five years. - Receive passing scores on the approved state certification exams (pedagogy and content). - Verification of teaching experience, work experience or proficiencies including foreign transcript analysis for a foreign applicant.	Initial certification requirements - Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. - Complete an approved program or coursework from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education. - Provide written recommendation from a regionally accredited institution of higher education verifying completion of the approved program. - Applicants from a foreign country must provide a transcript evaluation completed by an approved agency.
	Certificate Levels N/A	Certificate Levels N/A
	Length of certificate - Five-year certificate. - Ten-year certificate (one time only) - Applicant who has completed an advanced degree or National Board Certification.	Length of certificate Five-year certificate.
	Certificate areas	Certificate areas
	Preschool through Grade 12 Curriculum Director.	Curriculum Director (curriculum director preparation).
	Preschool - grade 12 School Counselor Program.	School Counselor (school counselor preparation).
	Birth to age 21 School Psychologist Education.	School Psychologist (school psychologist preparation).
	Preschool to Grade 12 Special Education Director.	Special Education Director (SPED director preparation).
	Birth to age 21 School Psychological Examiner.	School Psychological Examiner (school psychological examiner endorsement).
	N/A	Mentor Teacher (requires a professional or advanced teaching certificate or professional administrator certificate).
	N/A	Mentor School Counselor (requires three years of experience as a school counselor).
	K-12 Technology Integrationist.	Technology Integrationist (must hold a teacher or administrator certificate).
	K-12 Technology Coordinator.	Technology Coordinator (must hold a teacher or administrator certificate).
	- Preschool - grade 12 School Library Media Specialist. - Birth to age 21 School Speech/Language Pathologist. - Preschool to grade 12 School Social Work Education.	- School Library Media Specialist (moved to K-12 Teacher). - Deleted - Licensed by Department of Health. - Deleted – Licensed by Social Worker Examiners.

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Educator Permit Requirements 24:28:09	Previously referred to as a "Stand-alone certificate," a certificate issued to an individual who is restricted to the area of authorization indicated on the certificate and cannot add additional authorizations.	Educator Permits are a type of certificate for individuals who qualify to teach in specific fields, have specific leadership roles, or assist teachers with classroom support. Endorsements may not be added to the permit unless the individual has completed the required preparation program.
	Stand-Alone Instructor certificate restrictions - Driver education, American Sign Language, K-12 Deaf Education, Braille, K-12 Blind and Visually Impaired, Lakota languages, junior ROTC, English as new language, birth to age 21 school psychological examiner, school library/media endorsement programs, or a principal program may be issued on any certificate or as stand-alone certificates. An English as new language endorsement requires a bachelor's degree in education. - Education endorsement programs for teachers may not be issued on an instructor's certificate with the exception of English as a new language endorsement or a stand-alone school service specialist's certificate, except for the coach education endorsement program.	Educator Permit restrictions - Teacher, administrator, or education specialist certificate or endorsement may not be added to the permit unless the applicant has completed the required preparation program. Endorsements may be added if it is specifically designated as part of the educator permit.
	Initial certification requirements - Completed application. - Verification of approved education program or completion of endorsement requirements. - Coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.	Initial certification requirements - Document the requirements of the permit have been met. - Recommendation from the appropriate agency, if required.

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	N/A	• K-12 Eminent Scholar Lakota, Dakota, Nakota Language Permit ▪ 5-year renewable permit. ▪ Allows applicants to teach Lakota, Dakota, or Nakota language and culture. ▪ Must complete a 3 hour methodology course. ▪ Meets requirements of the eminent scholar program recognized by an approved indigenous language board or similar organization recognized by a tribal government and recommend for licensure.
	N/A	• Performing Artist Permit – Issued to performing artists in the fields of art, dance, drama and music. ▪ 5-year non-renewable permit. ▪ Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent. ▪ Minimum of five years of experience in the field. ▪ District must complete a verification form identifying the position to be held and documentation the school is unable to hire a certified educator for the vacancy and provide a mentor teacher.
	• Junior ROTC education endorsement ▪ Requires documentation of completion of the ROTC instructor training program.	• Junior ROTC Permit ▪ 5-year renewable permit issued to active or retired military personnel to serve as JROTC teachers. ▪ Applicant must complete the ROTC instructor training program.

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	• Coach education endorsement ▪ K-8 elementary or 7-12 assistant coach requires successful completion of a care and prevention of athletic injuries course or completion of an equivalent coaching program. ▪ 7-12 head coach requires a methodology or theory course in the sport to be coached and a care and prevention of athletic injuries course, or completion of an equivalent coaching program.	• Athletic Coaching Permit ▪ 5-year renewable permit. ▪ Limited to the area of athletic head or assistant coaching. ▪ Must complete coursework specific to coaching from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education. ▪ Submit documentation of completion of first aid, health, and safety for coaches, fundamentals of coaching and concussion in sports.
	N/A	• International Exchange Teacher Permit ▪ 5-year non-renewable permit. ▪ Allows eligible teachers from other nations to teach in South Dakota schools. ▪ Must have a valid J1 or H1B Visa. ▪ Holds U.S. equivalent of a bachelor's or higher. ▪ Holds a foreign educator credential in a teaching field. ▪ Provides verification from a public or Department-accredited school of intent to employ. ▪ Does not prevent an individual moving to the United States from applying for a teacher, administrator or education specialist certificate.
	• 7-12 Driver Education Endorsement ▪ Requires 8 semester hours of coursework.	• Driver's Education Permit ▪ 5-year renewable permit. ▪ Requires 8 semester hours of coursework. ▪ Beginning July 1, 2019, must meet additional requirements regarding driving record.

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	• K-12 Braille Education Endorsement ▪ Successfully complete the Braille proficiency test; and completes six semester hours of coursework.	• Braille Education Permit ▪ 5 year renewable permit issued to individuals to serve as instructors for blind or visually-impaired students. ▪ Must pass the state-designated content test and complete six semester hours of coursework.
	• Paraprofessionals ▪ Current rules require paraprofessionals paid with Title I funding to meet specific requirements. Paraprofessionals are not currently required to obtain certification. ▪ Paid with Title I funds must meet the following requirements: ○ Associate degree or higher; or ○ Completed 48 semester hours; or ○ High school diploma or equivalent and pass the state-designated test. ▪ Paraprofessionals paid with another funding source. ○ Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent.	• Paraprofessional Permit (Effective July 1, 2019) Holds paraprofessionals accountable to same conduct, fitness and ethics standards as other certified educators. Allows department to suspend or revoke a certificate. Recognizes the important educational role of a paraprofessional. ▪ 5-year renewable permit. ▪ Standard Paraprofessional Permit ○ Minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent; or ○ At least 18 years of age (without a high school diploma or equivalent) and passed the state-designated test. ▪ Advanced Paraprofessional Permit (Title I funding) ○ Associate degree or higher; or ○ Completed 48 semester hours; or ○ High school diploma or equivalent and pass the state approved Paraprofessional test. ▪ Job responsibilities ○ Assistance with classroom management. ○ Provide instructional assistance in a computer lab. ○ Conduct parental involvement activities. ○ Provide support in a library or media center. ○ Act as a translator for students. ○ Supervise students during library periods, study halls, etc. ○ Provide instructional support while under direct supervision of a teacher. ▪ Limitations ○ May not develop lesson plans.

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	• Currently offered through the administrator plan of intent which requires sign-off from the local school board and the department secretary.	• CEO Permit ▪ 5-year renewable permit issued to individuals from outside the traditional education route functioning as a school leader. ▪ Minimum requirements: ○ Bachelor's degree or higher; ○ Minimum of three years of business, management, leadership and/or instructional experiences; and ○ Pass the state-designated assessment. ▪ Limitations: ○ Cannot be called a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal or assistant principal. ○ Cannot conduct teacher evaluations.

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<i>Alternative Certification</i>	- Once an individual meets the requirements of the alternative certification program, they receive a five-year teaching certificate. - Cannot be granted for elementary or special education.	- Once an individual meets the requirements of the alternative certification program, they receive a five year standard educator certificate and the preparation is reflected as alternative preparation. - Cannot be granted for K-4 (except TFA) or special education.
<i>Alternative Preliminary Certificate</i> 24:28:10	N/A	Alternative Preliminary Certificate - Two-year renewable certificate. - Required for someone applying for general education alternative certification, TFA alternative certification, CTE alternative certification or administrator alternative certification. - Must have an alternative preliminary certificate prior to being hired by a school district and to be eligible for the Alternative certification program. - Must have a bachelor's degree or higher, associate of applied science degree or higher in a CTE field, 4000 documented hours of work experience in a CTE field, or hold a national certification in a related CTE field.

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General Education Alternative Certification 24:28:11	• General Education Alternative Certification Available Areas ▪ The alternative certification program is limited to 7-12 or K-12 age/grade span authorizations issued at the approved education program level.	• General Education Alternative Certification Available Areas ▪ Applicant may teach as a grade 5-8 elementary teacher, secondary teacher, or K-12 general education teacher while pursuing alternative certification.
	• Initial Certification Requirements ▪ Bachelor's degree or higher with minimum GPA of 2.5. ▪ Must have offer of employment from a school district. ▪ Degree must have been obtained two years prior to admittance to the alternative certification program. ▪ College major in subject area to be taught or 5 years of experience in a related field. ▪ Receive a passing score on the state-designated content exam. ▪ Completes a screening interview with school personnel.	• Initial Certification Requirements ▪ Must have a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Receive an offer of employment from a public or Department-accredited school. ▪ Bachelor's degree or higher. ▪ Must add endorsements for subject areas teaching, based on content requirements for the endorsement. ▪ May not teach grades or content areas beyond the endorsements listed on the certificate.
	• Duration ▪ Granted a two-year certificate and may be issued a one-year certificate to persons who have not met coursework requirements.	• Duration ▪ Receives a one-year certificate which can be renewed two times. Following three years the certificate is invalid.
	• District Responsibilities/Requirements ▪ Applicant must be filling a school's confirmed need in a content/area. ▪ Complete a screening interview. ▪ Provide a district mentorship and orientation program. ▪ Recommend candidate for certification.	• District Responsibilities/Requirements ▪ Verify applicant has a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Provide mentorship and orientation. ▪ Recommend applicant for certification. ▪ Beginning July 1, 2019 must also document school attempted but was unable to hire certified teacher, provide information on the Code of Ethics and school evaluation system, and recommend the applicant.
	• Requirements to Move to a Teaching Certificate ▪ 12 transcribed credits in the following: ○ Six transcribed credits in the area of pedagogy; ○ Three credit South Dakota Indian Studies course; and ○ Three credit course in Human Relations. ▪ Passage of the state-designated pedagogy test.	• Requirements to Move to a Teaching Certificate July 1, 2019 (current requirements in place until 2019) ▪ 15 transcribed credits in the following: ○ Classroom Management; ○ Teaching Methods and differentiated instruction; ○ Student Assessment; ○ Adolescent Psychology; and ○ South Dakota Indian Studies. ▪ Passage of the state-designated pedagogy test.

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CTE Alternative Certification 24:28:12	• CTE Alternative Certification Available Areas ▪ Limited to 7-12 CTE authorizations.	• CTE Alternative Certification Available Areas ▪ Applicant may teach grade 7-12 CTE endorsement areas while pursuing certification.
	• Initial Certification Requirements ▪ Receive an offer of employment from a public or Department-accredited school. ▪ Hold a high school diploma or equivalent and have an associate of applied science degree or higher in a related CTE field, have 4,000 hours of work experience in a related CTE field, or hold a national certification in a related CTE field.	• Initial Certification Requirements ▪ Must have a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Receive an offer of employment from a public or Department-accredited school. ▪ Hold an associate of applied science degree or higher in a related CTE field, have 4,000 hours of work experience in a related CTE field, or hold a national certification in a related CTE field. ▪ May not teach grades or content areas beyond the endorsements listed on the certificate.
	• Duration ▪ Receives a two-year certificate which can be renewed two times. Failure to maintain eligibility and fulfillment requirements is grounds for revocation of the certificate.	• Duration ▪ Receives a one-year certificate which can be renewed two times. Following three years the certificate is invalid.
	• District Responsibilities/Requirements ▪ Applicant must be filling a school's confirmed need in a content/area. ▪ Complete a screening interview. ▪ Provide a district mentorship and orientation program. • Recommend candidate for certification.	• District Responsibilities/Requirements ▪ Verify applicant has a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Provide mentorship and orientation. ▪ Recommend applicant for certification. ▪ Beginning July 1, 2019 must also document school attempted but was unable to hire certified teacher, provide information on the Code of Ethics and school evaluation system, and recommend the applicant.
	• CTE Specialist certification ▪ Maintain eligibility. ▪ Complete a four semester hour mentored internship experience. ▪ Complete a two semester hour course in methods of CTE. ▪ Receive written recommendation of certification from the employing school administration. ▪ May receive a five-year CTE specialist certificate.	• Standard CTE alternative certification ▪ May obtain endorsements in CTE career pathway, education and training career cluster or law, public safety, security and corrections career cluster. ▪ Requirements to complete a standard CTE alternative certificate: ○ Complete a two-credit course in methods of CTE and a four-credit mentored internship experience; and ○ Adhere to the SD Code of Professional Ethics and receive sign off from the employing district. ○ May receive a five-year certificate allowing applicant to teach only the endorsements previously listed.

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<i>CTE Alternative Certification continued</i> 24:28:12	• CTE alternative certification ▪ Maintain eligibility. ▪ Complete a four semester hour mentored internship experience. ▪ Complete three semester hours in South Dakota Indian Studies. ▪ Complete three semester hours in human relations. ▪ Verify passing score on the state-designated pedagogy exam. ▪ Receive written recommendation of certification from the employing school administration. ▪ May receive a five-year CTE alternative certificate unless the applicant qualifies for one ten-year advanced certification.	• Advanced CTE alternative certification ▪ May obtain endorsements in all CTE career cluster and career pathways. ▪ Requirements to complete an advanced CTE alternative certificate through June 30, 2019: ○ Complete a four-credit mentored internship experience; ○ Complete a three-credit South Dakota Indian Studies; ○ Complete a three-credit course in human relations; adolescent psychology, classroom management, student assessment or differentiated instruction; ○ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test; ○ Adhere to the SD Code of Professional Ethics; and ○ Receive sign of from the employing district. ▪ Requirements to complete an advanced CTE alternative certificate beginning July 1, 2019: ○ Complete a two-credit methods of CTE course; ○ Complete a four-credit mentored internship experience; ○ Complete a three-credit South Dakota Indian Studies; ○ Complete six credits in classroom management, teaching methods, student assessment, differentiated instruction, or adolescent psychology; ○ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test; ○ Adhere to the SD Code of Professional Ethics; and ○ Receive sign of from the employing district. ▪ May receive a standard teaching certificate after completion of all requirements.

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Teach For America (TFA) Alternative Certification 24:28:13	• TFA Alternative Certification Available Areas ▪ The alternative certification program is inclusive of K-8, 7-12, and K-12 age/grade span authorizations issued at the approved education program level.	• TFA Education Alternative Certification Available Areas ▪ Applicant may teach as an elementary teacher, secondary, or K-12 teacher while pursuing alternative certification. ▪ May receive a CTE alternative certificate if the requirements for CTE alternative certification are met.
	• Initial Certification Requirements ▪ Bachelor's degree or higher with minimum GPA of 2.5. ▪ Must have offer of employment from a school district. ▪ College major in subject area to be taught or 5 years of experience in a related field. ▪ Meets requirements for "highly qualified" by passage of the state-designated content and pedagogy test. ▪ Completes a screening interview with TFA and school. ▪ Completes TFA application process and is accepted into the TFA program.	• Initial Certification Requirements ▪ Must have a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Receive an offer of employment from a public or Department-accredited school. ▪ Bachelor's degree or higher. ▪ Participate in the TFA program. ▪ May not teach grades or content areas beyond the endorsements listed on the certificate.
	• Duration ▪ Granted a two-year certificate and may be issued a one-year certificate to persons who have not met coursework requirements.	• Duration ▪ Receives a one-year certificate which can be renewed two times. Following three years the certificate is invalid.
	• District Responsibilities/Requirements ▪ Applicant must be filling a school's confirmed need in a content/area. ▪ Complete a screening interview. ▪ Provide a district mentorship and orientation program. ▪ Recommend candidate for certification.	• District Responsibilities/Requirements ▪ Verify applicant has a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Provide mentorship and orientation. ▪ Recommend applicant for certification. ▪ Beginning July 1, 2019 must also document school attempted but was unable to hire certified teacher, provide information on the Code of Ethics and school evaluation system, and recommend the applicant.
	• Requirements to Move to a Teaching Certificate ▪ 12 transcribed credits in the following: ○ Six transcribed credits in the area of pedagogy and related fields of the education school curriculum; ○ Three credit South Dakota Indian Studies course; and ○ Three credit course in Human Relations. ▪ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test.	• Requirements to Move to a Teaching Certificate July 1, 2019 (current requirements in place until 2019) ▪ 15 transcribed credits in the following: ○ Classroom Management; ○ Teaching Methods and differentiated instruction; ○ Student Assessment; ○ Adolescent Psychology; and ○ South Dakota Indian Studies. ▪ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test.

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Special Education Alternative Certification 24:28:14	N/A	• Purpose ▪ Allows general education teachers an alternative pathway to receive the special education endorsement.
	N/A	• Eligibility Requirements ▪ Must have a valid teaching certificate. ▪ Must have a minimum of three years of teaching experience within the past five years. ▪ Must be employed by a qualifying district.
	N/A	• Special Education Alternative Certification Available Areas ▪ May teach early childhood special education or K-12 special education while pursuing the special education alternative certificate. ○ Early Childhood Special Education Requirements ▪ Must have an early childhood or elementary preparation. ○ K-12 Special Education Requirements ▪ Must have an elementary preparation, secondary preparation, K-12 preparation, or CTE preparation.
	N/A	• Duration ▪ Receives a one-year certificate which can be renewed two times. Following three years the certificate is invalid.
	N/A	• Employer Requirements ▪ Verify the applicant meets the requirements for special education alternative certification. ▪ Provide mentorship by an individual with special education experience. ▪ Recommend the applicant. ▪ Document the school attempted but was unable to hire a certified teacher.
	N/A	• Requirements to Receive Special Education Endorsement ▪ Complete a six-credit year-long practicum; ▪ Complete nine credits of coursework in special education law, assessment and a special education-related course ▪ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test; ▪ Pass the state-designated content test; and ▪ Receive signoff from the applicant's employing school.

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Administrator Alternative Certification 24:28:15	Administrator Alternative Certification is currently offered as a ten-year superintendent endorsement or five-year principal endorsement.	Once an individual meets the requirements of the alternative certification program, they receive a five-year standard administrator certificate and the preparation is reflected as alternative preparation.
	NA	Administrative Alternative Certification Areas - Applicant may perform administrative duties as a superintendent or principal, but may not act as both while completing the administrator alternative certification.
	N/A	Eligibility Requirements - Must have an alternative preliminary administrator certificate; - Must be employed by a qualifying district; and - Must have a bachelor's degree or higher. - Two-year renewable certificate.
	N/A	Duration - Receives a one-year certificate which can be renewed four times. Following five years the certificate is invalid.
	NA	Superintendent Administrator Alternative Certification Eligibility Requirements - Must have a master's degree or higher; - Must have three or more years of experience in a management role in a business, district, or employed as a teacher with a leadership role; and - Pass the state-designated school superintendent assessment. Requirements to obtain a standard administrator certificate with a superintendent endorsement - Must complete a minimum of 21 transcribed credits with a C or higher in the following: - Leadership and district culture; - Organizational management; - Values and ethics of leadership; - Educational policy and law; - Communication; - Community relations; - Curriculum planning and development; - School finance; - Instructional Management; and - Three-hour South Dakota Indian Studies - Pass the state-designated pedagogy test.

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Administrator Alternative Certification continued 24:28:15	NA	• Principal Administrator Alternative Certification ▪ Eligibility Requirements ○ Complete a state-approved teacher education program or alternative certification program; ○ Must have three or more years of teaching experience; and ○ Pass the state-designated school leadership assessment. ▪ Requirements to obtain a standard administrator certificate with a principal endorsement ○ Must complete a minimum of 18 transcribed credits with a C or higher in the following: ▪ Instructional leadership; ▪ Ethical and inclusive leadership; ▪ Cognitive coaching/facilitation skills; ▪ Creating a safe and inclusive school environment; ▪ Process Management; ▪ Systems Management; and ▪ Educational Policy and Law; and ▪ South Dakota Indian Studies. ○ Pass the state-designated pedagogy test;
	NA	• Employer Requirements ▪ Verify the applicant has a valid alternative preliminary certificate. ▪ Document the school attempted but was unable to hire a certified administrator. ▪ Assign a mentor with experience as a school administrator to support the applicant. ▪ Provide the application with information about the South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers and Administrators. ▪ Train the applicant on the administrator and teacher evaluation systems. ▪ Recommend the applicant for renewal.

Significant Changes	Current Rules	New Rules
Reciprocity 24:28:16	There are currently no rules specifically for reciprocity. All applicants from out-of-state must meet South Dakota certification requirements.	Eligibility for Reciprocity based on completion of Approved Program through a regionally accredited university - Received a teacher, administrator or educator specialist license or certificate in another state exclusive of a temporary, emergency, substitute or provisional certificate. - Completed a successful student teaching, internship, field experience. - Provide verification from the licensing state that there are no disciplinary actions or ethics violations.
		Eligibility for Reciprocity based on completion of Alternative Certification - Must have <u>completed</u> the alternative certification program in another state. - Provides verification of three years of experience within the last five years. - Provide documentation of a valid educator's license from the issuing state. - Provide verification from the licensing state that there are no disciplinary actions or ethics violations.
	Requirements - Must have sign-off for an approved education program. - Pass the South Dakota state-designated content and pedagogy tests. - Must pass South Dakota Indian Studies. - Must pass Human Relations course.	Requirements - Applicants must complete a 3-credit South Dakota Indian Studies Course and one clock hour of suicide awareness and prevention training.
	One-Year Certificate - Applicants may receive a one-year certificate if they have not completed the state-designated content or pedagogy test or 6 recent credits.	Provisional Certificate - Applicants may receive a one-year provisional certificate if they have not passed South Dakota Indian Studies. This certificate may be renewed once.

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Reciprocity continued 24:28:16	N/A	• Adding Preparations and Endorsements to an Applicant with a Valid Out-of-State Educator Certificate ▪ Preparations and endorsements for applicants who meet the requirements will be awarded based on a comparison of the out-of-state certificate and South Dakota endorsements. The corresponding South Dakota endorsements will be awarded to the applicant. No additional content or pedagogy requirements apply. ▪ If the applicant has a categorical special education endorsement, the applicant must pass the state-designated content test for a K-12 special education endorsement. ▪ If the applicant has a K-8 special education endorsement, the applicant must have a minimum of one year of teaching experience as a secondary teacher or pass the state-designated pedagogy test for the secondary level to add the K-12 special education endorsement.
	N/A	• Adding Preparation and Endorsement to an Inactive, Expired or Invalid Out-of-State Educator Certificate ▪ Endorsements may be added only if the applicant has a major in content, an active national board certification in the content area, or meets South Dakota endorsement requirements.
	N/A	• Requirements to Add New Endorsements ▪ If the applicant is seeking additional endorsements not included on the out-of-state certificate, the applicant must meet South Dakota requirements to add the endorsement.
	• Military Spouse ▪ Within 30 days of receipt of a complete application, determination whether the applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of a reciprocal certificate shall be made by the Department. ▪ If the Secretary cannot make the determination within thirty days a temporary certificate shall be issue for a period of six months.	• Military Spouse ▪ All previous reciprocity requirements apply to applicants who are a military spouse. ▪ Within 30 days of receipt of a complete application, determination whether the applicant meets the requirements for the issuance of a reciprocal certificate shall be made by the Department. ▪ If the Secretary cannot make the determination within thirty days a provisional certificate shall be issue for a period of one year.

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Renewal Requirements 24:28:17	• Renewal cycle of a certificate ▪ All certificates are considered active until the expiration date of the certificate (not including suspended or revoked certificates). ▪ All certificates expire on July 1st of the year of expiration. If renewal requirements are not completed by this date the certificate is considered expired. ▪ Lapsed certificate is a certificate that has not been renewed within 90 days of the expiration date.	• Renewal cycle of a certificate ▪ All certificates are considered valid until the expiration date of the certificate (not including suspended or revoked certificates). ▪ The educator certificate is valid from the date of issuance until June 30 of the year of expiration. If renewal requirements are not completed by July 1, the certificate is expired. ▪ A certificate becomes invalid if all renewal requirements have not been met by October 1st.
	• Renewal Requirements ▪ Certificates may be renewed for a five-year period upon receipt of a completed application, fee, and official documentation verifying completion of six credits. ▪ Requirements for applicants who have not met the renewal requirements by October 1st of the year of expiration increase to 6 transcribed credits. Applicants may receive a one-year certificate to give them time to meet the requirements.	• Renewal Requirements ▪ Certificates may be renewed upon receipt of a completed application, fee, and official documentation verifying completion of six credits. ▪ State statute requires all applicants to meet a minimum of one clock hour of suicide awareness and prevention training. This includes issuance of an initial or renewal certificate as a teacher, administrator, or other education professional. ▪ Requirements for applicants who have not met the renewal requirements by October 1st of the year of expiration increase to 6 transcribed credits. Applicants may receive a one-year non-renewable temporary certificate to meet the additional requirements. ▪ Any educator called to active military duty while the certificate is valid shall have the certificate re-issued at no cost and will not be required to meet credit requirements. ▪ Unless a certificate becomes invalid, applicants may substitute a specialized learning experience for three transcribed credits.
	• Renewal requirements include: ▪ Those with no degree beyond a bachelor's must have a minimum of three transcribed credits and three continuing education contact hours. ▪ Those with an advanced degree may renew with any combination of credits.	• Standard Teaching Certificate Renewal requires: ▪ Minimum of three transcribed credits and three additional credits which can be transcribed or continuing education contact hours; or ▪ Participation as a mentee in the state-approved mentor program for at least two of the past five years; or ▪ National Board certification or recertification.

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Renewal Requirements continued 24:28:17	N/A	• Professional Teaching Certificate Renewal requires: ▪ Minimum of three transcribed credits and three additional credits which can be transcribed or continuing education contact hours; or ▪ Participation as a mentor in the state-approved mentor program for at least two of the past five years; or ▪ National Board certification or recertification.
	N/A	• Advanced Teaching Certificate requires: ▪ Minimum of six credits which can be transcribed or continuing education contact hours; or ▪ Participation as a mentor in the state-approved mentor program for at least two of the past five years; or ▪ National Board certification or recertification.
	N/A	• Standard Administrator Certificate • Minimum of three transcribed credits and three additional credits which can be transcribed or continuing education contact hours.
	N/A	• Professional Administrator Certificate ▪ Minimum of six credits which can be transcribed or continuing education contact hours.
	N/A	• Education Specialists requires: ▪ Minimum of six credits which can be transcribed or continuing education contact hours; or ▪ Complete National Board of School Counselors certification or recertification during the previous five years.
	N/A	• Alternative Preliminary Teaching or Administrator Certificate requires: ▪ One clock hour of Suicide Awareness and Prevention training.
	N/A	▪ Alternative Teaching or Administrator Certificates Progress toward meeting requirements of the coursework; and ▪ Employing school district recommends renewal; and ▪ Completion of one clock hour of Suicide Awareness and Prevention training.
	N/A	• Educator Permits require (unless otherwise specified): ▪ Minimum of six credits which can be transcribed or continuing education contact hours. ▪ Athletic Coaching Permit requires completion of First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches every two years, Concussion in Sports annually, and Fundamentals of Coaching.

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Endorsements 24:28:18 – 24:28:27	• Determining Assignments Eligible to Teach ▪ Certification to teach assignments depends on school type, preparation type, endorsements, etc. ▪ There are differences between certification and HQ requirements for the same assignment. ▪ Special education teachers must take the high school content test(s) to teach at the high school level.	• Determining Assignments Eligible to Teach ▪ Assignments will be directly tied to an endorsement. ▪ The first determination is the preparation and then, based on the preparation, endorsements may be added. ▪ The new system simplifies how to add an endorsement and the endorsement required to teach an assignment. ▪ School structure no longer dictates whether someone is authorized to teach a subject.
	• Philosophy of Adding Endorsements ▪ Individuals with early childhood preparation may add endorsements for kindergarten through 3rd grade, 5th – 12th grade, or K-12 endorsements (music, health, etc.) by passage of the state-designated content test or coursework. ▪ Individuals with elementary preparation may add endorsements for grades kindergarten through grade twelve by passage of the state-designated content tests or coursework. ▪ Individuals with 5-8 middle level preparation may add endorsements for grades 5 through grade 12 or K-12 endorsements by passage of the state-designated content test or coursework. ▪ Individuals with 7-12 secondary preparation may add endorsements for grades 5 through grade 12 or K-12 endorsements by passage of the state-designated content test or coursework. ▪ Individuals with a K-12 preparation may add endorsements for grades 5 through grade 12 or K-12 endorsements by passage of the state-designated content test or coursework.	• Philosophy of Adding Endorsements ▪ Individuals with early childhood preparation may add endorsements for early childhood through 12th grade and K-12 endorsements (music, health, etc.) by demonstrating content and pedagogical knowledge. ▪ Individuals with an elementary preparation may add endorsements for early childhood through 12th grade and K-12 endorsements by demonstrating content and pedagogical knowledge. ▪ Individuals with secondary preparation may add endorsements for grades 5 through grade 12 and K-12 endorsements by demonstrating content and pedagogical knowledge. ▪ Individuals with K-12 preparation may add endorsements for grades 5 through grade 12 and K-12 endorsements by demonstrating content knowledge. ▪ Individuals with early childhood special education preparation may add endorsements for early childhood through grade 12 and K-12 endorsements by demonstrating content and pedagogical knowledge. The K-12 special education endorsement may be added by demonstrating content and pedagogical knowledge. ▪ Individuals with K-12 special education may add endorsements for grades 5 through grade 12 and K-12 endorsements by demonstrating content knowledge. The early childhood special education endorsement may be added by demonstrating content and pedagogical knowledge.

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<i>Endorsements continued</i> 24:28:18 – 24:28:27	Early Childhood Preparations ▪ Must have early childhood coursework and pass the early childhood content test. ▪ May add endorsements for middle school and high school through completion of coursework or state-designated test. Elementary Preparation • School structure dictates whether someone is certified to teach at an elementary or middle school, even if it is the same assignment. • Competency is demonstrated by the elementary content test. • To be certified to teach grades 5-8, the applicant must take individual content exams for each content area. • If someone has an early childhood preparation: ▪ They may teach grades K-3 self-contained and subject specific content areas grades K-3. ▪ To teach self-contained grades 4 – 8 they must complete the elementary preparation program and the elementary content test. ▪ To teach subject specific grades 5 – 8 they would need to receive the middle level endorsement in addition to passing the content test for each area. • If someone has a K-12 preparation: ▪ To teach grades K-8 self-contained or grades K-4 subject specific they must complete the elementary preparation; and ▪ To teach subject specific grades 5 – 8 they would need to receive the middle level endorsement in addition to passing the content test for each area. • If someone has a 7-12 preparation: ▪ To teach grades K-8 self-contained they must complete the elementary preparation. ▪ To teach subject specific grades 5 -8 they would need to receive the middle level endorsement in addition to passing the content test for each area.	• Review Preparation to Endorsement Worksheets ▪ Early Childhood Preparation ▪ Elementary Preparation ▪ Secondary Preparation ▪ K-12 Preparation ▪ CTE Preparation ▪ Early Childhood Special Education Preparation ▪ K-12 Special Education Preparation ▪ Administrator Preparation ▪ Education Specialist Preparation Review ▪ Educator Permit ▪ Alternative Certification

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<i>Endorsements continued</i> 24:28:18 – 24:28:27	Intermediate Endorsements • Currently there is an Intermediate Math endorsement which allows someone to teach middle school math, Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry. • All other content areas require a specific content test at the high school level, resulting in teachers taking multiple tests to teach, for example, Biology, Physical Science, and Earth Science. Advanced Endorsements • All high school courses required passage of the individual content test or a master’s degree in the content area. K-12 Endorsements • Currently added through a content test and/or coursework. Those with an elementary preparation may add the specific K-12 endorsement and teach the subject areas at a high school. There is no required demonstration of pedagogy. • Examples of K-12 endorsements apply to the following areas: ▪ Art ▪ Health ▪ Physical Education ▪ Music Education ▪ World Languages ▪ Computers ▪ Gifted • K-12 Gifted Education endorsement must be added through 12 semester hours of coursework. • K-12 Library Media Specialist requires 18 semester hours of coursework and a practicum or internship for K-12 learners. It may also be issued as a stand-alone certificate. • K-12 English as a New Language endorsement requires 18 semester hours of coursework and a practicum or internship for K-12 learners. It may be issued as a stand-alone certificate if the applicant has a bachelor’s degree in education.	

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<i>Endorsements continued</i> 24:28:18 – 24:28:27	Birth through preschool special education endorsement • To add this endorsement to an existing teaching certificate, the applicant must complete the preparation program or add the birth through preschool special education endorsement by completing 18 semester credits, including a three semester hour practicum specific to birth through preschool special education and the state-designated content test. • Endorsement limited to only birth through age 5. • Program includes early childhood special education through third grade. Grade K through grade 8, grade 7 through grade 12, and grade K through grade 12 special education endorsement. • To add this endorsement the applicant must: ▪ Have one year of experience and a 3 credit hour practicum and passage of the state-designated content test; and ▪ K-8 special education – 26 semester hours of special education coursework; or ▪ 7-12 special education – 26 semester hours of special education coursework; or ▪ K-12 special education – 27 semester hours of special education coursework.	

Significant Changes	Current Rules	New Rules
<i>Transition to New Certification Rules</i> 24:28:28	N/A	• Current certificates shall remain valid for the period for which the certificate is issued. • Endorsements placed on an existing certificate will be transitioned to the corresponding new endorsement and allows the certificate holder to teach the same courses as the previous endorsements. • A certificate holder with an expired or invalid certificate on July 1, 2017, who has not been granted two one-year certificates, may be granted a one-year temporary certificate to meet renewal requirements or request an inactive certificate. • All valid, renewable certificates meeting the requirements of the professional or advanced certificate will be converted to equivalent certificates. • K-8 and K-12 special education teachers who have passed 0146/5146 Praxis test prior to July 1, 2017, will have K-8 self-contained and K-8 subject-specific endorsements added to their certificates in the areas of math, social science, science and English language arts. • Endorsements valid but no longer issued include: ▪ Middle level preparation; ▪ Coaching endorsement (will be educator permit); ▪ Preschool through grade 12 school superintendent endorsements; ▪ Preschool through grade eight, grades seven through 12, or preschool through grade 12 principal endorsements.