

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

A public hearing will be held at Southeast Technical Institute, Mickelson Center Room 101, 2320 N Career Ave, Sioux Falls, South Dakota on November 16, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered:

Article 24:15 and Section 24:53:07:12 (secondary CTE certification), Article 24:43 (end of course exams and summer credits), and Article 24:55 (public school accountability system)

The effect of the rules in article 24:15 and section 24:53:07:12 (secondary CTE certification) will be to provide additional and consistent options for secondary career and technical education (CTE) teachers to become certified to teach CTE courses. The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to simplify and clean up the secondary CTE certification process.

The effect of the rules in article 24:43 (end of course exams) will be to clean up language and eliminate the requirement that a student taking a high school course from a qualified teacher before grade nine pass a state-approved assessment before credit can be awarded, which will allow a school district to determine if the student has met the same criteria required for credit to be awarded to high school students in the district. The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to return local control to school districts in regard to whether a student taking a high school course before grade nine has met the criteria for passage of the course and awarding of credit.

The effect of the rules in article 24:43 (section 24:43:11:17 – summer credits) is to require the acceptance of credit for summer courses taken from an accredited school system documentation and notice of any decision that the credits do not meet graduation requirements. The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to encourage innovation outside of the traditional school calendar in preparing students for college and careers.

The effect of changes to article 24:55 (public school accountability system) is to update certain components of the accountability system to provide a more in-depth measure of public school performance. The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to make the rules consistent with South Dakota's current Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility Waiver.

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: ATTN: Ferne Haddock, South Dakota Department of Education, 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 November 13, 2015 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) 773-5669.

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 at this website: <http://www.doe.sd.gov/board/index.aspx>

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