

## ***K-12 Principal Alternative Certification***

<b>Description</b>	Leads to a K-12 Principal endorsement. Individuals going through this pathway must have completed a teacher education program or alternative certification program and have 3 or more years of teaching experience.
<b>Duration of certificate</b>	1-year; may be renewed 4 times
<b>Cost</b>	\$25
<b>Applicant eligibility requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Complete state-approved teacher education program or alternative certification program</li> <li>● 3 or more years of teaching experience</li> <li>● Pass state-designated content test</li> <li>● Completion of an approved suicide awareness and prevention training</li> </ul>
<b>District requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Verify applicant has a valid teaching certificate</li> <li>● Document the district attempted but was unable to hire a certified administrator prior to hiring applicant with an alternative certificate</li> <li>● Provide mentorship by an individual with experience as a school administrator</li> <li>● Provide applicant with information about South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers and South Dakota Code of Professional Ethics for Administrators</li> <li>● Train applicant on administrator and teacher evaluation systems</li> <li>● Annually recommend applicant for renewal, based on documented performance and progress</li> </ul>
<b>Endorsements</b>	May act as Principal while completing program
<b>Renewal requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pass state-designated test prior to first renewal</li> <li>● Suicide awareness and prevention training</li> <li>● Submit recommendation for renewal from employing district</li> <li>● Submit professional development plan identifying how alternative certification requirements will be met</li> <li>● \$25 for 1-year renewal certificate</li> </ul>
<b>Requirements to complete program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3-credit approved South Dakota Indian Studies course</li> <li>● 15 transcribed credits from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education with a grade of C or higher in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Instructional leadership</li> <li>○ Ethical and inclusive leadership</li> <li>○ Cognitive coaching/facilitation skills</li> <li>○ Creating a safe and inclusive school environment</li> <li>○ Process management</li> <li>○ Systems management</li> <li>○ Educational policy and law</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Receive sign-off from employing school district</li> </ul>