

BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Proactive Admissions

What is it?

The proactive admissions initiative offers students who meet certain criteria guaranteed admittance to any of the state's six public universities and four technical institutes.

Who is it for?

The initiative is for South Dakota public school seniors who meet the eligibility criteria.

What are the eligibility criteria?

Students have two ways they can demonstrate eligibility for guaranteed admittance:

- Achieve a Level 3 or 4 on the 11th grade Smarter Balanced assessment (English and Math)
- OR
- Achieve an ACT composite score of 18 or higher

NOTE: SD School of Mines requires an ACT score of 18 in English and 20 in Math

Why is this initiative important?

The purpose of the initiative is to provide more graduating seniors with access to a post-secondary certificate or degree. www.sdmylife.com/accepted

You must complete your application for admission, pay the application fee, and submit your official high school transcript by December 1, 2018, in order to take advantage of your guaranteed acceptance. After December 1, you may still apply, but your acceptance would no longer be guaranteed. You must also graduate high school this school year.

Admission Requirements to South Dakota Universities

Applicants must meet the general and subject matter requirements; including GPA, Class Rank, and college entrance exams (ACT/SAT)

The state-funded regental institutes in South Dakota are as follows:

- Black Hills State University, Spearfish - www.bhsu.edu
- Dakota State University, Madison - www.dsu.edu
- Northern State University, Aberdeen - www.northern.edu
- South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City - www.sdsmt.edu
- South Dakota State University, Brookings - www.sdstate.edu
- University of South Dakota, Vermillion - www.usd.edu

Admission Requirements for South Dakota Technical Institutes

Admission to a postsecondary technical institute is based on individual program requirements. All applicants must submit a high school transcript. Students who plan to pursue technical education are advised to enroll in academically challenging subjects at the high school level, especially math, science, and computers. Technical and multi-district courses are strongly encouraged. Postsecondary credits may be earned at the high school level in most programs through articulated credit.

The state-funded postsecondary technical institutes in South Dakota are as follows:

- Lake Area Technical Institute – Watertown - www.lakeareatech.edu
- Mitchell Technical Institute – Mitchell - www.mitchelltech.com

Southeast Technical Institute – Sioux Falls - www.southeasttech.edu
Western Dakota Tech – Rapid City - www.wdt.edu

Regents' Scholar Diploma Program – www.sdbor.edu

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the South Dakota Board of Regents officially recognize Seniors committed to academic excellence by issuing the Regents' Scholar Diplomas to those graduating Seniors with a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.0 on the unweighted 4.0 scale and with grades no lower than a "C" in the following courses:

- 4 credits of Language Arts (English)
- 4 credits of Math (Algebra I and higher)
- 4 credits of Science (3 credits must be approved lab sciences)
- 3 credits of Social Studies
- 2 credits of the same World Language (including American Sign Language)
- 1 credit of Fine Arts

Students awarded the Regents' Scholar Diploma are automatically admitted to any South Dakota university controlled by the Board of Regents.

South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship

Authorized by the South Dakota Legislature in 2003, the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship provides up to \$6,500 over four years to qualifying students who attend an eligible higher education institution in South Dakota. It is recommended to see your school counselor for current requirements.

Eligibility for SD Opportunity Scholarship - sdos.sdbor.edu/

Dakota Corps Scholarship

Eligible South Dakota high school graduates are awarded this scholarship equal to tuition and generally applicable fees for up to 16 credit hours per semester or 32 credit hours per year at a public South Dakota college, technical college, or tribal colleges. The scholarship amount at a participating private college will be the same amount at a public South Dakota college. Students must major in a critical need occupation and agree in writing to stay in South Dakota and work in the critical need occupation after graduation for as many years as the scholarship was received plus one year.

Critical needs areas are defined each year by the South Dakota Department of Labor:
www.sdbor.edu/dakotacorps/Pages/Who-is-Eligible.aspx

Eligibility for Dakota Corps Scholarship - www.sdbor.edu/dakotacorps/Pages/welcome.aspx

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) - (Athletics in College)

Eligibility for NCAA (Athletics in College)

Must be NCAA Approved courses

For specific courses please refer to these websites:

NCAA website: ncaa.org/student

NAIA website: www.naia.org/

Students need to confirm with these groups for academic eligibility requirements.