

**APPLICATION for a Waiver from an Administrative Rule**

**Courses offered Before Grade Nine for High School Credit**

\_\_\_\_\_ School District hereby applies for a waiver from certain South Dakota administrative rules that govern school accreditation, using the procedures outlined in § 24:43:08.

It is the intent of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District to implement the strategies for continued school improvement as outlined herein, and to annually report on the implementation of the of those strategies as described in § 24:43:08:08.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education has held a public hearing and approved this application. It is understood that the school district must continue to comply with all other administrative rules, including chapter 24:43:11.

The school district will continue to submit all required accreditation reports, plans, and certifications to the South Dakota Department of Education on time.

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**Signature of Supt. of Schools/Chief Educational Officer**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Board of Education President**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Department of Education Secretary's Action: \_\_\_\_ Approve                      \_\_\_\_ Deny

Department of Secretary's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date of Waiver (*Minimum 60 days after receipt*): \_\_\_\_\_

Report Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section I – Application Details**

Applying School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Participating Attendance Centers: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Local Public Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Board Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted to the Department of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section II - Waiver Schedule**

Intended Date for Waiver Implementation: \_\_\_\_\_

*(This date is always July 1 for fall implementation unless the district requests and explains the reasons for an alternate date.)*

Proposed Years of Waiver: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Maximum of 5 school terms, which begin July 1 of each year.)*

**Section III - Administrative Rules to be Waived**

**List the administrative rule number and title** for which this waiver is being requested.

Administrative rules are available online at <http://legis.state.sd.us/index.aspx>

*For a waiver for high school credit before grade nine, the district will want to waive administrative rule 24:43:11:01.*

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**Section IV – Course(s) for Which Exemption is Being Proposed**

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**Section V - Reasons for Waiver Request**

Explain the reasons the district is requesting a waiver from administrative rule. The district must explain why the plans outlined in this application will better meet local learning goals, enhance educational opportunities, promote equity, or increase accountability.

**Section VI - Verification of Administrative Rule Intent**

Explain how the intent of the administrative rule for which the waiver is being requested will be met if the waiver is granted.

Faculty teaching waived courses in any content area must be South Dakota certified to teach not only the content area waived at the high school level, but also the grade level at which they are offering instruction.

List teacher providing instruction for each course included on application:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

If at any time during the timeframe this waiver is valid a teacher listed here is no longer the teacher of record, the district must notify the Department of Education with the name of the newly assigned educator.

**Section VII – Assurance of Rigor (Where applicable)**

Describe the school district’s plan for offering continuing educational opportunities in the waived content area, where applicable.

**Section VIII- Evaluation**

**Evaluation:**

A school district or nonpublic school or program that has been granted a waiver shall implement its plan for evaluation of the waiver as required by ARSD 24:43:08:02. A public school district that has been granted a waiver shall include a report of the waiver evaluation in its annual review of its approved five-year district improvement plan as required by ARSD 24:43:02:01 (ARSD 24:43:08:08)

**Adding Waived Course Credits to High School Transcripts:**

If the department has approved a waiver that allows a school district to teach a high school-level course to students below grade nine, credit for the course shall appear on each student’s high school transcript with the unit of credit and a letter grade upon meeting the criteria for passage applied to the high school level. The unit of credit must be included in the credits required for high school graduation and the letter grade must be calculated in the high school cumulative grade point average. (ARSD 24:43:08:12)

Exams Offered by the South Dakota Department of Education	
Algebra I	Physical Science
Algebra II	Spanish I
Geometry	Civics/Government

Send this completed application to: SD Department of Education, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501