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## **Distance Education Continues to Grow in South Dakota**

MADISON, S.D. – A new report on distance education at South Dakota’s public universities shows continued growth in the popularity of taking courses through the Internet or by other forms of distance delivery.

A report presented to the South Dakota Board of Regents shows total credit hours for electronic delivery increased 36 percent over the year, while total credit hours for all forms of distance education increased by 29 percent. The report examines enrollments for the 2004-05 academic year at the six state-supported universities.

“We continue to look for ways to deliver quality education that is convenient and accessible to the citizens of South Dakota,” said Regents President Harvey C. Jewett. “Distance delivery makes sense not only for people who are far removed from a college campus, but also for anyone who must juggle the demands of work, family, or other circumstances.”

The report shows that 55 percent of the students enrolled in distance-delivered courses were off campus, 42 percent were located on campus at the same university that was hosting the distance course, and 3 percent were enrolled at a state university other than the one hosting the distance-delivered course.