



It's Time to Decide!

Where will you go to college?

Technical Institutes

Lake Area Technical Institute
Mitchell Technical Institute
Southeast Technical Institute
Western Dakota Technical Institute

Tribal Institutions

Oglala Lakota College
Sinte Gleska University
Sisseton Wahpeton College

Public Universities

Black Hills State University
Dakota State University
Northern State University
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
South Dakota State University
University of South Dakota

Non-Public Institutions

Augustana College
Dakota Wesleyan University
University of Sioux Falls
Mount Marty College
Presentation College
Sioux Falls Seminary
National American University
Kilian Community College
Colorado Technical University

11th Grade Students

"Keys to Success"

1. You need postsecondary education!
2. You must take the right courses!
3. You can afford it!

Why go to college?

Jobs will change in the next 50 years—people will hold several different jobs in their lifetime. The more education one gets, the greater the adaptability to change jobs.

Jobs in this century will require education and training beyond high school—the fastest growing occupations require postsecondary education (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics):

	<u>Average Salary</u>
Professional Degrees	\$116,514
College Graduates	\$56,788
High School Graduates	\$31,071

Are you academically ready?

Students who take the college prep curriculum in high school score higher on ACT tests:

- College prep curriculum 22.8
- Non-college prep curriculum 19.8

Students who take Advanced Placement curriculum will earn college credit while in high school.

The more math you take in high school the better you score on the ACT math sub-test:

- Less than 3 courses of math 17.4
- Less than 4 courses of math 20.4
- Completed prep courses 23.1

Selecting the right courses is a life-defining decision.

You can afford college in SD!

The average costs for attending a public university in South Dakota including room and meals:

\$11,093

The maximum financial aid available:

\$16,331

Scholarship support is also available at the state's technical institutes, tribal, and private institutions.

Fall College Readiness Checklist

August -	Decide what careers you are interested in and which colleges fit your needs.
	Review the courses you have signed up to take...are you on track?
	Request admissions information and college catalogs if you haven't already done so.
	Develop a financial plan for college. You can afford to go to college.
September	Attend college fairs.
	Follow up on your college filing system (www.sdcollegeprep.info).
October -	Retake the SAT or ACT if you need to better your scores.
	Do a follow-up visit to your top three to five college choices.
	Request forms for scholarships and financial aid from the colleges you have selected.
November -	Review financial aid information and deadlines.
	Start filling out your admissions applications (check on due dates).
December -	Pick up a financial aid form (FAFSA) from your high school counselor. Gather necessary information to fill out the form in January.
	Finalize your admissions applications and get them in the mail.
January -	Submit your FAFSA after January 1st and before the end of February to receive the best possible financial aid package. Are you eligible for the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship? Visit www.sdcollegeprep.info to find out.
February -	Consider taking Advanced Placement or College-Level Examination Program exams, if you didn't take them your junior year.
	Start narrowing down your college selections.
	Ask your high school to send a copy of your transcript to the colleges you have selected.
March -	Check with your selected colleges' financial aid offices to ensure you do not have any incomplete items.
April -	Watch for acceptance letters and financial aid awards from your selected colleges. Compare packages. Confirm with your college which ones you are accepting.
	Make your final college selection and notify colleges you will not be attending.
	Make sure you are completing your college filing system.
May -	Send final transcript and write thank you notes for scholarships.
	Register for a summer orientation at your selected college.
	Check to see what you need to do to register for classes and make tuition payments.
June/July -	Finalize plans for college. Complete your college filing system.