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223 Transfer Agreements Reached With Technical Institutes

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – The number of credit-transfer agreements reached between South Dakota’s public universities and the four state-supported technical institutes now stands at 223.

The South Dakota Board of Regents Thursday approved eight new agreements—three between Dakota State University and Western Dakota Technical Institute and another five involving South Dakota State University and Lake Area Technical Institute.

“Creating these transfer agreements has opened up new opportunities for technical school graduates to pursue a related four-year degree at our public universities,” said Regents Executive Director Robert T. Tad Perry.

A marketing campaign called “Flex Factor” was launched in January to help educate high school and technical school students, and recent tech school graduates, about these new agreements. People can log onto a Web site at www.flexfactor.info to determine how many technical school credits will transfer into a specific major at South Dakota public universities. The Web site is designed to keep students up to date on what general and program-specific credits will transfer.

Along with four previous long-standing agreements, the total number of credit-transfer agreements reached between the two systems since December 2004 is 223. The number of agreements at each institution breaks down as follows:

Public Universities

Black Hills State University	23
Dakota State University	55
Northern State University	35
South Dakota State University	66
University of South Dakota	44

Technical Institutes

Lake Area Technical Institute	57
Mitchell Technical Institute	18
Southeast Technical Institute	118
Western Dakota Technical Institute	30