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Partnerships Link Universities and K-12 Schools to Improve Math and Science

PIERRE, S.D. – Six projects partnering public universities with K-12 schools will receive nearly \$300,000 in federal grant funding to improve science and mathematics instruction in middle and high schools.

The Title II grants from the U.S. Department of Education pair university science, math, and education faculty with teachers and administrators from high-need school systems to develop relevant professional development activities. More than 134 teachers from across South Dakota will participate.

The partnership grants, each funded at about \$50,000, include:

- South Dakota State University and **White River School District** for a “Cosmic Connections 2013” project;
- Black Hills State University and **Todd County School District** for a “Best Practices in Teaching Mathematics and the New Common Core Standards SW” project;
- SDSU and **Red Cloud Indian School**, along with **Smee School District**, for a “STEM Enhancement Teacher Institute” project;
- BHSU and **Andes Central School District** for a “Best Practices in Teaching Mathematics and the New Common Core Standards” project;
- SDSU and **Summit School District** for a “Practicing the Mathematical Practices” project;
- BHSU and **Wessington Springs School District** for a “Modeling Physics for All South Dakota 2013” project.

The grants will involve teachers in specialized summer workshops and follow-up activities that lead to implementation of lesson plans in math and science throughout the school year. The South Dakota Board of Regents administers the federal grant funds.

The projects will bring together higher education faculty, local school systems, and other education agencies and partners to achieve statewide impact. Funding runs from April 2013 through September 2014.

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2013 Title II Summer Workshop Schedule

<http://www.sdbor.edu/services/research/Research/TitleIIWorkshopSchedule.htm>