A. PURPOSE
To comply with provisions of Board Policy 1:10 requiring the Black Hills State University mission statement to include the legislatively established purpose of the institution and the programs authorized by the Board to implement that purpose.

B. DEFINITIONS

C. POLICY
1. Statutory Mission
The legislature established the statutory mission of Black Hills State University under SDCL 13-59-1 as:

   The primary purpose of . . . Black Hills State University, at Spearfish in Lawrence County, is the preparation of elementary and secondary teachers, and a secondary purpose is to offer preprofessional, one-year and two-year terminal and junior college programs. Four-year degrees other than in education and graduate work may be authorized by the Board of Regents.

2. Board of Regents Implementation of Statutory Mission
The Board recognizes Black Hills State University’s mission as:

   To be a dynamic learning environment that fosters critical thinking and creative expression. We inspire students to engage in their global communities while honoring the spirit of the Black Hills.

   The institution is also charged with promoting excellence in teaching and learning, supporting research, scholarly and creative activities, and providing service to the State of South Dakota, the region, and beyond.

   Black Hills State University is the only multipurpose university in western South Dakota. Black Hills State University is a member of the South Dakota System of Higher Education.
Black Hills State University is the administrative lead institution at Black Hills State University-Rapid City and is approved to offer programs and courses online through the Internet.

3. Curriculum

The following curriculum is approved for the university:

3.1. Undergraduate Major Level Curriculum


3.2. Master’s Level Curriculum

Business, Education, Integrative Genomics, Strategic Leadership, and Sustainability.

4. Authorized Degrees

4.1. Undergraduate Degrees

Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), and Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.). Certificates in related fields.

4.2. Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), and Master of Science (M.S.). Certificates in related fields.

FORMS / APPENDICES:

None

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