

LEARNERS ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION
(HOME SCHOOL)

Children of compulsory school age must regularly attend school, either public, nonpublic, or alternative instruction.

Notification:

Notification of alternative instruction must be submitted on the South Dakota Department of Education notification form that declares the child will be provided with alternative instruction. The notification may be submitted electronically through the SD Department of Education's online system or by providing the completed paper notification form **to the District or the SD Department of Education. If the District receives a completed paper notification form, the District** will date and sign or stamp the form acknowledging receipt of the notification and provide a copy to the parent, guardian or other person having control of the child. The District will then provide the completed paper notification form to the SD Department of Education. The notification will be kept confidential.

The alternative instruction notification shall be submitted to the SD Department of Education or the District within thirty (30) days from the first time the child begins an alternative instruction program, enrolls in a public or nonpublic school, or moves to a different school district.

Upon filing of a notification with the SD Department of Education or the District from the parent, guardian or other person having control of the child, the SD Department of Education or the District has been notified that the child is being provided with alternative instruction.

Enrollment on Partial Basis:

Upon request from a child's parent or legal guardian, the District will admit a child who is a resident of the District who is being provided alternative instruction to enroll in one or more classes, while receiving alternative instruction for the balance of his or her education. Upon enrollment, the partially enrolled alternative instruction learners must comply with the District's rules and procedures and have the same rights and responsibilities as publicly enrolled learners.

Open Enrollment:

School board approval is required in order for a nonresident alternative instruction learner to be enrolled in the District, in accordance with the District's open enrollment policy.

NOTE: The DOE Form, **Public School Exemption Certificate** **Alternative Instruction Notification**, can be found on the SD DOE website under "Home Schooling."

Legal References: [SDCL 13-27-1 \(Responsibility of person controlling child for school attendance\)](#)
[SDCL 13-27-2 \(Attendance excused by school board\)](#)
[SDCL 13-27-29 \(Placement of child who has attended unaccredited school or alternative program\)](#)
[SDCL 13-27-3 \(Child excused if provided alternative instruction\)](#)
[SDCL 13-27-7 \(Applications for excuse from attendance\)](#)
[SDCL 13-27-8 \(Appeal on attendance matters to state board\)](#)
[SDCL 13-27-9 \(Record of certificates of excuse from attendance\)](#)

Cross References: **IGDK: Participation of Alternative Instruction Learners**
JEC: School Admissions
JECOA: Admission of New Residents and Learners from Unaccredited Schools
JECB: Open Enrollment
JEG: Exemptions from School Attendance

1st Reading:	12/13/1995
2nd Reading/Adopted:	01/08/1996
1st Reading:	09/14/2009
2nd Reading/Adopted:	10/13/2009
1st Reading:	03/08/2010
2nd Reading/Adopted:	04/12/2010
Reviewed:	08/12/2013
1st Reading:	02/08/2021
2nd Reading/Adopted:	03/16/2021
Notification:	06/14/2021
1st Reading:	07/19/2021
2nd Reading/Adopted:	08/09/2021
Notification:	09/13/2021
1st Reading:	10/18/2021
2nd Reading:	11/08/2021
Notification:	11/13/2023
1st Reading:	12/11/2023