South Dakota Technical Institute Articulation

What is articulation?
Articulation is a cooperative effort between South Dakota’s high schools and technical institutes. It links high schools with certificate, diploma, and associate degree programs. It provides students with an opportunity to receive credit for skills previously learned.

How does it work?
South Dakota students are eligible to articulate technical courses with South Dakota’s technical institutes if their high school program is a Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Career and Technical Education (OCCTE) approved program. The core standards are evaluated in each Career Cluster and compared to the curriculum in the programs at the technical institutes. Articulation agreements are then developed when the standards in a secondary course and the curriculum in the technical institute course are comparable in content and rigor.

How does it benefit students?
Achieve a B or better in these courses and you will earn technical institute credit while attending high school. You will save money on tuition, fees, and books if you attend a South Dakota technical institute.

How do you know which courses at your school are eligible?
Your career and technical education (CTE) teachers and high school counselors can provide information on the courses available for articulation at your school. You can also contact the technical institute regarding the articulation of courses.

How do you receive credit?
When you enroll at a state-supported technical institute you need to tell an admissions representative or your instructor about the articulated course work that you completed successfully during high school.

South Dakota Articulation Guidelines
1. All students enrolled under the articulation agreement shall meet the admissions standards established by that particular program.
2. To receive articulated credit, the student must have completed the high school course within the last three years.
3. For a student to articulate courses after the three year time limit, an assessment of skill mastery will be required.
4. A minimum of a “B” in the course(s) to be articulated is required.
5. No grade will be assigned for articulated credit. These courses will not be counted in determining post-secondary grade point average.
6. The credits articulated will count toward the total number needed for graduation from the program.
7. Tuition is not charged for the articulated credit(s).
8. Articulation agreements will be reviewed on an annual basis as well as during the program review cycle at the post-secondary level.
9. Articulated courses will be honored by all post-secondary institutes for those course(s) that have common course names and numbers.
10. All articulation agreements between secondary schools and the technical institutes reflect only the transfer ability of credit between these agencies and not with state universities.

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