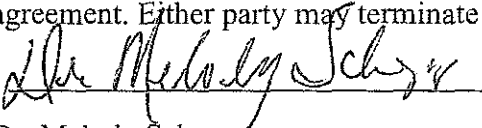



**Memoranda of Agreement  
Between  
South Dakota Department of Education and Commission for Oceti Sakowin Accreditation**

This Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) is between the Commission for Oceti Sakowin Accreditation and the South Dakota Department of Education.

- I. Both parties recognize that non-public schools, that are located within the current exterior boundaries of what is now South Dakota, are not required to be accredited by the state of South Dakota, but may choose to pursue state accreditation if they desire.
2. Both parties recognize that non-public school children are annually counted by the state of South Dakota to apportion funds among public schools. The student count will only be taken during the same time that public schools count their children for the apportionment of funds.
3. Both parties agree that non-public schools are not required to be state accredited, provided they are accredited by another governmental entity, to be eligible to receive flow through federal funds including Healthy, Hungry-Free Kids Act, Every Child Succeeds Act, and Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 2006,
4. Both parties agree that non-public schools can offer non state approved Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses using non state certified teachers. CTE courses that are not state approved will not count toward state graduation requirements or SD Opportunities Scholarship requirements.
5. Both parties agree that if a non-public school wants to offer state approved CTE courses, the school must meet the requirements of approved CTE programs, including:
  - a. The courses must be taught by state of South Dakota certified teachers who are reported in the state's Personnel Record Form (PRF). Teachers without the proper certification for the content area must be on a plan of intent.
  - b. The courses must follow state CTE standards so that students master appropriate knowledge and skills.
  - c. State accountability data for CTE students must be reported annually. This includes the requirement that 11<sup>th</sup> graders complete the state summative English language arts and math assessments.
  - d. Students taking approved CTE courses must be reported in the state student information management system along with their courses and grades.
6. Both parties recognize that public schools remain required to be accredited by the state of South Dakota but agree the public schools in the state of South Dakota may also apply for COSA accreditation.

This MOA will be perpetual unless both parties mutually agree to amendments or to dissolve the agreement. Either party may terminate this MOA upon twelve (12) months written notice.

  
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Dr. Melody Schopp  
South Dakota Department of Education  
Date 13 / Feb / 17

  
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Dr. Roger Bordeaux, Director  
Commission for Oceti Sakowin Accreditation  
Date \_\_\_\_\_