

South Dakota Homeschool Graduation Requirements

At a glance · facts last reviewed August 28, 2026

State notification	One Alternative Instruction Notification per child within 30 days of starting; no annual renewal
Legal basis	Alternative instruction exemption under SD Codified Laws 13-27-3
Required subjects	Basic skills of language arts and mathematics, taught so as to lead to mastery of English
Testing / evaluation	None. Senate Bill 177 (2021) repealed the old standardized achievement testing requirement
Recordkeeping	Nothing is collected after the notice; the state FAQ urges keeping attendance and grades
Graduation requirements	None set by the state; the parent decides when the program is complete
Who issues the diploma	The parent or guardian running the program; no state or district credential exists
College admissions	Opportunity Scholarship takes a parent-issued transcript plus a 24 ACT (SDCL 13-55-31.3)

Full guide with statute citations and sources: <https://hsdiplomas.com/resources/state-graduation-requirements/south-dakota>

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