



2022-2023 Supervisor and Mentor Approval Form

For employee's participation in the Dakota Dreams Teacher Leadership Academy:

Applicant's Name: _____ has my full support to participate in the 2022-2023 Dakota Dreams Teacher Leadership Academy (see information on following page). I am aware that approximately 22.5 hours of class time will occur during the school year. I also understand that the program will reimburse my school for substitute teacher costs as well as travel and lodging for the participating teacher. Further, if a mentor in an administrative role from the school district is selected, reimbursement of up to \$500.00 may be provided for workload.

This form must be signed by the applicant's employer or immediate supervisor.

Supervisor Name: _____

Supervisor School: _____

Supervisor Title: _____

Supervisor Email Address: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____

Date: _____

This form must be signed by the applicant's identified mentor.

Mentor Name (if identified): _____

Mentor School: _____

Mentor Title: _____

Mentor Email Address: _____

Mentor Signature: _____

Date: _____



The Dakota Dreams Teacher Leadership Academy offers teachers who have taught for five+ years an experience-based learning opportunity to further develop their educational leadership skills. Courses will be taught by Professor of Practice faculty (qualified retired superintendents of schools) and guest speakers. Among other things, participants will:

- ✓ Discover the areas of educational leadership that best fit them.
- ✓ Gain insight into what educational leadership entails.
- ✓ Learn about requirements for certification.
- ✓ Better understand themselves and how to lead all personality types.
- ✓ Develop strategies for building and maintaining effective teams.

The Teacher Leadership Academy will accept 60 students in 2022-23. These students will meet in two cohorts of 30 over three instructional days during the school year and over a three-day period in the summer (dates and locations below). It is highly recommended that students establish a mentor relationship with an administrator in their district during the academy.

This academy is provided at no cost to teachers, thanks to funding provided from the South Dakota Department of Education. Teachers who successfully complete the course will earn three graduate credits. School districts will be reimbursed for substitute teacher expenses and teacher travel/lodging costs. If a mentor is selected, reimbursement to the school district of up to \$500.00 will be provided for workload.

Dates		Location
Cohort 1	Cohort 2	
December 6, 2022 (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CT)	December 7, 2022 (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CT)	Northern State University, Aberdeen
January 24, 2023 (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CT)	January 25, 2023 (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CT)	South Dakota State University, Brookings
April 11, 2023 (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CT)	April 12, 2023 (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CT)	University of South Dakota, Vermillion
June 6-8, 2023 (Day one: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CT) (Day two: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CT) (Day three: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CT)		USD-Sioux Falls