

College Readiness Coursework

Taking a college readiness course in high school can save students up to \$1,000 and a semester's worth of time.

Department of Education college readiness coursework is offered through Lake Area Technical College. The Board of Regents offers a related program in math with slightly different eligibility requirements through the Northern State University E-Learning Center.

	Lake Area Technical College	Northern State University E-Learning Center
Courses	Intermediate Algebra (MATH 101) English Language Arts, Practical Writing (EN 100)	Mathematics for College Readiness (MATH 095)
Eligibility	<p>For seniors who have modest skill gaps in math and English</p> <p>Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2 on the SD Math Assessment • ACT math score of less than 20** <p>English:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 2 on the SD ELA Assessment • ACT English score of less than 18** <p><i>**If students retake the ACT and meet the threshold for BOR acceptance, they do not need remedial coursework.</i></p>	<p>For juniors and seniors who want to be more confident in their math skills</p> <p>Most appropriate for students who have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA of 3.02 or lower • Level 1 or 2 on the SD Math Assessment
Course format	<p>Students complete coursework on their own time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully asynchronous course for spring semester (January-May 2023) 	<p>Semester-long course with coursework embedded into the student's school day. Each week during the semester scheduled as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 days of synchronous instructor-led class connections • 2 days of online coursework • 1 day of work time
After completing the course	<p>Earning a qualifying Accuplacer assessment score allows students to place directly into credit-bearing math or ELA coursework at any South Dakota public university or technical college.</p> <p>Passing a course allows students to place directly into a credit-bearing math or ELA course at Lake Area Technical College.</p>	<p>Earning a qualifying Accuplacer assessment score allows students to place directly into credit-bearing math coursework at a South Dakota technical college.</p> <p>Passing the course allows students to place directly into credit-bearing math coursework at any South Dakota public university.</p>
Availability	Department of Education funds will pay for a total of 80 students per school year	Board of Regents funds will pay for up to 75 students per semester
Cost	\$615 up front, with reimbursement after completion of the course	No cost to students or school districts
Registration	Students must register for the coursework via their local school district.	Students must register for the coursework via their local school district.
High school credit	It is a local decision for school districts to offer these courses for a half credit of elective math using course code 02138 or elective ELA using course code 99999.	Fulfills half of a high school math credit using College Math Preparation course code 02138
Questions from school districts	Contact Stephanie Higdon with the South Dakota Department of Education or Lee Quale at Lake Area Technical College.	Contact Mary Cundy at Northern State University. Visit ourdakotadreams.com