



## 2025 Supervisor Approval Form

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

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ has my full support to participate in the Spring 2025 Dakota Dreams Teacher Leadership Academy (see information on following page). I am aware that approximately 45 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 mileage and per diem (non-provided meals and lodging) for the participating teacher.

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:** \_\_\_\_\_



**The Dakota Dreams Teacher Leadership Academy offers** teachers who have taught for three+ 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 Spring 2025. These students will meet for three two-day sessions during the school year (dates and locations below).

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 that may be seamlessly applied to an advanced degree in education at a South Dakota public university. School districts will be provided reimbursement for substitute teacher expenses, teacher mileage and per diem meal and lodging expenses.

Dates*	Locations
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 27-28, 2025</b></p> <p>Day One: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. CT Day Two: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">University of South Dakota Sioux Falls</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February 24-25, 2025</b></p> <p>Day One: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. CT Day Two: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Northern State University Aberdeen</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 10-11, 2025</b></p> <p>Day One: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. MT Day Two: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. MT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Black Hills State University Rapid City</p>
<p>*Pending weather interruptions, hold April 8-9, 2025, as a make-up option.</p>	