

HIGH SCHOOL DUAL ENROLLMENT (HSDE) QUICK GUIDE

For school officials who provide guidance to HSDE students.



STUDENT STATUS

- HSDE students are considered **non-degree seeking** while in high school.
- Non-degree seeking students are not assigned a catalog.

CERTIFICATES

- Students can choose to work toward a [certificate](#) (career-focused credentials).
- Effective April 2026: students who do not select a Gateway Certificate program will be assigned a “workforce skills” certificate (comprised of public speaking, writing, reasoning and civics courses)
- Students may pursue **more than one certificate**.
- Completed certificates appear on the students’ college academic transcript with the date earned.

COLLEGE CATALOGS

- The “college catalog” (i.e., official degree requirements) is **assigned the term the student is officially admitted and enrolled** as a degree-seeking student at a college. This catalog defines their GenEd requirements.

HOW CREDITS CAN BE APPLIED

- HSDE credits can be applied to:
 - College General Education requirements (GenEds)
 - Free electives (2–5 classes, depending on the major)
 - Some majors (like Nursing and Engineering) allow fewer electives due to accreditation requirements
 - A minor, certificate, double major, or even a second degree
- HSDE courses also count towards **South Dakota high school graduation requirements**.
- HSDE courses can also be used to fulfill the **SD Opportunity Scholarship curriculum requirements**.

CIVICS AND GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- With the 2025 catalog, all students must take one approved Civics course as part of GenEd.
- Prior to this requirement, **60% of HSDE students** completed a course that fulfills the Civics requirement.

PLANNING SUPPORT

- **New “workforce skills” certificate program** (effective April 2026): certificate program assigned to all HSDE students who do not select a Gateway Certificate. This will support GenEd advising. There are no repercussions if students do not complete all certificate requirements through HSDE.
- **DegreeWorks Audit Tool** (available to students registered at SDBOR institutions): a student-facing tool that shows how HSDE credits apply to GenEd, contains a What-If feature to explore future degrees options and requirements, and helps students stay on track toward their degree
- **TransferSD** (powered by Transferology): allows any user to select courses from non-SDBOR colleges/universities and view how they are accepted by SDBOR universities.

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