South Dakota

Career Cluster – Education and Training offers two courses taught by Family and Consumer Sciences teachers to provide education at the secondary level.

South Dakota is developing a high school student organization “Future Educators Association” for any student interested in education careers. Plans are to have schools and their advisors ready to organize starting in School Year 2011-2012.

Future Educators Association (FEA) is an internationally recognized professional organization for teachers. FEA is a student organization geared for middle school, high school, and postsecondary students. Membership may continue after a degree is earned.

South Dakota Advisors may be a K-12 teacher , counselor or administrator holding a valid South Dakota teaching certificate or the Counselor Certificate. To join and charter a chapter please use this weblink

<http://www.futureeducators.org/join/index.htm>

The New Chapter Charter fees are as follows:

* FEA Start kit for $125 (onetime fee). National chapter fee (annual) is $8.00 per member and advisor.
* State fees are $4.00 per member.

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**Partnerships**

SD Department of Education

South Dakota Education Association

SD Postsecondary Institutions

Future Educators Association

South Dakota is developing the student organization FEA and we encourage your school and students to begin a chapter. School districts and advisors will be able to charter starting school year 2011-2012. The costs include a onetime charter fee of $125 for a FEA Starter Kit, National FEA annual fee of $8.00 per member and advisor. South Dakota yearly membership fee is $4.00 per member.

**Purpose**

Student organization designed to help prepare students for future careers in education.

Recruit quality secondary students for the education profession.

Provide students with information about challenges and opportunities offered by a career in education.

Provide students a seamless pathway to a teaching career through advanced knowledge and possible college credit through academic course work, study of the profession and experiential learning activities.

And provide a seamless transition through networking and professional organizations.

**Connecting Activities**

State wide projects include Read Across America, which is an opportunity to partner with SDEA. Co-curricular activities may be built into the local school district curriculum.

Student leadership opportunities include working with postsecondary institutes in planning the annual Spring Conference and competition. Professional development opportunities are included with the Spring Conference.

**Needs**

A high percentage of teachers approaching retirement age have created a tremendous demand for teachers throughout the nation along with an increase in student population (National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future, 1997).

A larger part of the problem is teacher attrition, particularly high among teachers in their first years (Ingersoll & Smith, 2003). Assisting students in understanding the complexities of teaching earlier in their academic careers may help with retention.

Attracting and retaining quality teachers past their 8th year in teaching is a need. Other areas of need include K-12 Music; K-12 SPED; K-12 World Language; High School Math and Science. Along with increasing the male and minority teachers and all teachers in the rural communities.