



## Upcoming Events

### Professional Development

- March 27-28 SDAFCS Conference, MTI
  - April 19-22 - TIE Conference, Rapid City
- For more information email [bluedtke@tie.net](mailto:bluedtke@tie.net)

### Student Event Opportunities

- March 17 – ProStart Competition, MTI
- March 17 – Scrub’s Camp, Vermillion
- March 27 – Scrub’s Camp, Madison
- April 9-10 - HOSA State Conference, Sioux Falls
- April 12-14 - State FFA Convention, SDSU
- April 15 – Law & Public Safety Camp, WDT  
Contact [frank.baumann@wdt.edu](mailto:frank.baumann@wdt.edu) for more information
- April 18-20 - National ProStart Competition, Anaheim, CA
- April 28 - Sanford Promise Science Discovery Days, Sioux Falls
- April 28 - Women in Science, Pierre

For more events, visit [southdakota.gosignmeup.com](http://southdakota.gosignmeup.com).



## ACT Method Test Prep



What is Method Test Prep? Method Test Prep offers test preparation with flexibility for both teachers and students. It is an online program that they can use at their convenience. The program provides ACT questions and problems with written, audio, and video explanations. Method

Test Prep allows teachers to create custom tests and quizzes, making it easy for curriculum integration.

If your students do not appear in Method Test Prep, don't sweat! There is a simple solution. In order for students and teachers to appear in the Method Test Prep

system, they must log-in to their SDMyLife account and click on the Method Test Prep link below the left navigation.

To learn more about Method Test Prep, watch recorded trainings at <http://www.sdmylife.com/educators/tutorials-training/>



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## CTE Standards Revisions

This summer, the Division of Career & Technical Education will begin a multi-year process to review and revise current CTE course standards. Clusters up for revision this summer include:

- Foundational CTE Courses
- Architecture & Construction
- Education & Training
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- STEM

A full revision timeline can be found [here](#). CTE teachers will be invited to provide feedback on the current standards and to apply to participate in the revision process. Revision meetings are tentatively scheduled for June and July. Revision committee members will be compensated for their time, along with reimbursements. Regional specialists will be reaching out to teachers as dates are finalized to identify those who are interested in the work.

# Perkins Data Collection Trainings Announced

The Perkins Data Collection system for school year 2014-15 will be open April 20 – May 31, 2015. A number of online and in-person data collection trainings have been scheduled to assist districts with this process. See schedule and registration information below along with a number of other related details.

## Who needs to enter Perkins data?

All approved CTE programs (school year 2014-15) in a public, BIE or tribal schools must submit data to continue eligibility for the Perkins grant and approved CTE program status. If you will be a new program in SY15-16, you do not need to submit data this year.

## What courses will I need to enter data for?

Data must be entered for all courses that were approved as part of your CTE program for school year 2014-15. If you need a copy of your approved 14-15 program application, contact your Regional CTE Specialist ([contact information](#)). If the courses in your program changed since it was approved in spring 2014, work with your Regional CTE Specialist to make the appropriate updates.

## How do I know if I'm ready to enter data?

Please ensure the courses you and others in your approved CTE program teach are correctly listed on the PRF (Personnel Records Form) system. You can check what is currently listed by visiting [Teacher 411](#). If courses are not listed correctly, please work with your school PRF contact to get the appropriate changes made. If you're not sure who your school's PRF contact is, visit the [School Directory](#).

## Where do I go to enter data?

The Perkins Data Collection System is located at <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/data/index.aspx>. As the window for data collection nears, the documents and resources for the 2014-15 collection period will be updated. Check back the week of April 20th for directions and step-by-step screen shots for entering your data.

To log into the Perkins system, use your district's logon and password (the same credentials used for the annual approved program applications).

## What training options are available?

Training options include webinars and in-person sessions. Webinars will provide updates to this year's system and a step-by-step walk through of the process for entering and running reports. In-person sessions provide instructions for entering Perkins Data via Mass Enrollment and Individual Enrollment, tips to ensure data is entered comprehensively and accurately, and ideas to get the most out of your Perkins data.

Participants who are interested in attending an in-person session should plan to bring a laptop computer and power cord with Internet Explorer (version 8 or higher) and wireless capability.

Please contact your Regional CTE Specialist if you have any questions.

Date	Location	Time	Registration
April 23	Mitchell	1:00pm-3:00pm CDT	<a href="https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com">https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com</a>
April 24	Rapid City	9:00am-11:00am MDT	<a href="https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com">https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com</a>
April 24	Watertown	9:00am-11:00am CDT	<a href="https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com">https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com</a>
April 27	Sioux Falls	9:00am-11:00am CDT	<a href="https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com">https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com</a>
April 27	Webinar	3:30pm-5:00pm CDT	No registration required. Join the meeting using: Meeting Link: Join Lync Meeting Dial-in: 866-410-8397 Code: 432 259 3763
April 28	Webinar	9:00am-10:30am CDT	No registration required. Join the meeting using: Meeting Link: Join Lync Meeting Dial-in: 866-410-8397 Code: 432 259 3763
April 29	Pierre	1:00pm-3:00pm CDT	<a href="https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com">https://southdakota.gosignmeup.com</a>
May 1	Webinar	9:00pm-10:30am CDT	No registration required. Join the meeting using: Meeting Link: Join Lync Meeting Dial-in: 866-410-8397 Code: 432 259 3763

# Students participate in culinary and restaurant management competition

The eighth annual South Dakota ProStart Invitational will take place at the Mitchell Technical Institute Campus Center in Mitchell, beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17. This intense, fast-paced culinary and business competition for high school students is free and open to the public.

Sixty-seven students from Britton-Hecla, Brookings, Huron, McIntosh, Madison, Mobridge-Pollock, Sturgis Brown, and Webster Area high schools, and the Mitchell and Sioux Falls Career and Technical Education Academies will participate.

In the culinary division, teams will prepare a three-course gourmet meal in one hour, using only two butane burners, and no running water or electricity. In the management division, teams will develop a restaurant proposal including layout, menu and pricing details. The top team from each division will travel to Disneyland in April to compete in the National ProStart Invitational.

“When you see the skill level and professionalism of the competitors, it’s hard to believe they’re in high school,” said Shawn Lyons, executive director of the South Dakota Retailers Association.

ProStart is being taught in fifteen schools in South Dakota and one online distance learning school. [Click here](#) to learn more.

ProStart is a program developed by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation to help prepare high school students for leadership positions in the workplace. Combining hands-on learning with mentored work experience, the program provides education in culinary skills, safety, inventory, cost controls, customer service, business math and other business management skills.

“One of the reasons we partner with the Department of Education on the ProStart curriculum and competition is because it provides a tremendous base that will help these students become valued leaders, whether in the foodservice industry or in any place of employment,” Lyons noted.

The South Dakota ProStart Invitational is a joint effort of the South Dakota Department of Education, the South Dakota Retailers Association and the South Dakota ProStart Advisory Committee.

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The NASA South Dakota Space Grant Consortium invites applications for the 2015 “Daniel Swets Robotics Materials Award”. We anticipate providing \$5,000 in award funding under this call-for-applications. This funding is open to South Dakota teachers/educators of U.S. citizenship who either have: A) taken robotics training or plan to take robotics training and want to begin new robotics programs and teams, or B) have sustained robotics programs/curriculum in their classrooms or at their schools.

Preference will be given to:

1) applications that would start new

robotics programs and teams (e.g., at a school that didn’t have one before), as opposed to augmenting existing robotics programs, 2) robotics programs at the Middle School level, and 3) applications from teachers/educators who have not won any prior robotics or other teacher awards provided by SD Space Grant in the past 10 years. The 2015 Application and Instructions are downloadable in PDF or Word format at the following website. Applications must be received by March 31, 2015.

Apply at:

<http://sdspacegrant.sdsmt.edu/DanSwetsRoboticsAward.html>



## Career Cluster: Business Management & Administration

Business Management and Administration careers encompass planning, organizing, directing and evaluating business functions that are essential to efficient and productive business operations. Career opportunities are available in every sector of the economy and require specific skills in organization, time management, customer service, and communication. Students interested in the Business Management and Administration career cluster should consider participating in DECA, FBLA, Speech Team, Debate Team, and Student Council.

There are five different pathways in this cluster, including:

- General Management
- Business Information Management
- Human Resources Management
- Operations Management
- Administrative Support

Students considering a career within the Business Management & Administration cluster should take courses in:

- Economics
- Accounting
- Business Law
- Entrepreneurship
- Statistics
- Capstone Experience



## Data Highlight:

### Business Management & Administration

- Starting salary for an Operations Manager can range from \$66,300-\$78,200.
- South Dakota is ranked on of the best states in the nation to do business.
- Currently there are 3,450 general and operations managers employed in South Dakota.
- The average wage for accountants and auditors in South Dakota is \$27.94 per hour.

## You Don't Want to Miss This! Check out the Summer CTE Conference!

The South Dakota Career & Technical Education Summer is sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Education in cooperation with the South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education. Each year, this conference provides over 300 teachers, administrators, and school counselors the chance to connect with other educators and explore best practices that will help them prepare students to be college, career, and life ready.

This year's conference is scheduled for July 27-28, on the campus of Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, SD. Monday is full of interesting round table sessions, hands-on, in-depth activities, and tours from all career areas. Tuesday is dedicated to content-specific time for each division and breakout sessions running in tracks related to specific career clusters. A schedule can be found [here](#).

Local Perkins funds can be used for professional development related to CTE Programs of Study, including CTE conference registration fees. Registration for the conference will be available in early April.

## In The News

- Things Heat Up During Sioux Falls "Weld-Off"
- South Dakota's Blue Collar Crisis
- What All Educators Can Learn from CTE Teachers
- Should Computer Science Courses be Mandatory?

## DCTE Employee Profile:

### Brad Scott

I have been employed with the DCTE for almost 8 years. The best part of my job is working with the instructors and administrators at each of the schools. I have developed some very good friendships over the years. I have also enjoyed working on the new CTE standards and aligning them with industry standards. I have seen a lot of changes within the CTE world over the past 8 years and see many more good things to come. I have been married to my wife Julie for almost 27 years. Julie is an RN at St. Mary's Health Care in

Pierre. We have 3 sons; Chance is a senior at Northern State majoring in International Business with a couple of minors and is currently looking for a job. Seth is a sophomore at Northern State and is majoring in Business Administration with a management emphasis. Seth works for BLM during the summer fighting wild land fires. Trace is a senior in high school and will be attending Bismarck State College next year studying to be an electrical lineman. In my spare time, I like to travel and watch or attend most sporting events.

## SD State Library joined CTE Month celebration

The SD State Library joined in celebrating career and technical education month by highlighting the online subscription resources provided free to all schools, public libraries and academic institutions in South Dakota that support CTE. The resources support CTE students' goals to be college, career, and life-ready.

The State Library provides a core collection of online subscription resources that help equip students with academic, employability and job-specific skills at no charge to South Dakotans.

Learning Express Library provides over 300 practice exams, courses and ebooks in areas from ACCUPLACER and COMPASS test prep, career exams, job seeking information and academic success.

ChiltonLibrary provides automotive repair info that is not available free

online. Find recall notices, detailed repair schematics and videos. ChiltonLibrary provides students actual technical reading and application resources that can be used throughout their education and life.

The World Book Discover module includes a Life Skills section covering topics such as budgeting, maintaining a home, buying a car, getting a credit card and more.

Other World Book modules, Proquest full-text journals and more are provided by the State Library to give students access to information resources.

Free, direct access is available from the State Library website (<http://library.sd.gov> >> [Online Resources](#)) within libraries and schools in South Dakota, and 24/7 access is available to citizens from home with a library barcode and password.

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