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Geography Education National Implementation Project: South Dakota**Number of Teachers:** No data**Number of Social Studies Teachers:** 340**I. Teacher Preparation**

What is the name of the state educator examination program?	Praxis
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A. Geography and Social Studies Teacher Licensure Requirements

Question 4: Is a social studies examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	Unknown
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes

Question 5: Is Geography part of the social studies requirement?	
a. K-5 Grades	Unknown
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes, some geography courses are included in the social studies requirement
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes, some geography courses are included in the social studies requirement

Question 6: Is a stand-alone geography content examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 7-12 th Grades	No

Question 7: Is there a stand-alone geography content examination required for geography only licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	Unknown
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes

Question 8: What is the minimum number of geography courses a pre-service teacher must take during their educator preparation program?	
a. K-5 Grades	Unknown
b. 6-8 Grades	Unknown
c. 7-12 th Grades	1-2 courses

Question 9: Additional information about how teachers become certified in your state?	One must have an undergraduate major as well as a Praxis examination in order to gain state certification as a "Geography Teacher" at the middle and high school level. Said requirements are not necessary, however, to teach middle or high school geography. A social studies (history) major and social studies (history or other related) praxis exam are all that are necessary to actually teach geography classes in the state to the best of my knowledge.
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B. Professional Development

Question 10: Can in service teachers receive certification credit for professional development courses or programs in geography?	Yes
Question 11: Does the state education agency (SEA) provide professional development in geography?	Other, very little usually after a state standard revision

II. Curriculum

Question 15: What is the name of the state standards?	South Dakota Content Standards
Question 16: How are the state standards presented by grade level?	Combination
Question 17: When were the standards last revised?	Last 2 years
Question 18: Are there plans for revision to the state standards?	No timeline
Question 19: Is geography included in the state standards?	Yes
Question 20: How are the geography standards organized?	Geography standards are organized by strand
Question 21: What framework and/or documents were used?	No data

Question 22: What general topics are included?

No data

Question 23: What is the total number of credit hours required for high school graduation?	22 credit hours
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Question 24: What is the total number of social studies credit hours required for high school graduation?	3 credit hours
Question 25: What is the total number of geography credit hours required for high school graduation?	9 credit hours

Question 26: What geography courses will students typically experience?	
a. K-5 Grades	No data
b. 6-8 Grades	No data
c. 7-12 th Grades	No data

Question 26a: What is the name of the courses?

No data

III. Student Assessment

Question 28: What is the name of the K-12 assessments in your state?	State Required Tests
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Question 29: Is a social studies exam required during K-12?	
a. K-5 Grades	No data
b. 6-8 Grades	No data
c. 9-12 th Grades	No data

Question 30: Is geography part of the statewide social studies exam?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 9-12 th Grades	No

Question 31: Are there any plans for revising the social studies assessment?	No data
Question 32: Are student results on the state social studies exam used for teacher evaluation?	No data

Disclaimer: Data for this state was collected from public state education websites and through a survey to state education officers or other educators. Education data for each state changes almost yearly depending on enrollments, adoption cycles for standards, K-12 assessment requirements, and state certification requirements for teacher education. This data represents a snapshot for this state, but may not contain the most recent data. It represents the clearest snapshot of geography's role within K-12 education during 2015-2016.