

South Dakota
Partners
In Education



“Choosing a school is the most important decision a parent makes for their child.”

Thank you from families across South Dakota!

“The scholarship created an opportunity for our family that I hadn’t thought was possible.”

“The scholarship made all the difference in the world.”

“We are so grateful that the tax credit scholarships were created to give families in South Dakota a chance in how and where they want their children to receive their education.”

“Receiving the South Dakota Partners in Education scholarship was a huge relief from the stress of worrying about my daughter’s tuition.”

“The scholarship was such a welcome surprise and a great help for my family”



South Dakota Partners in Education Tax Credit Scholarships

2016-17 schoolyear (includes annual report #s and 2nd semester awards)

Your passage of tax credit scholarships was a recognition and a belief in the profound responsibility parents have for their child's education. Whatever their choice, you have empowered them with that decision. The generosity of insurance companies in partnership with the State of SD is critical in making this opportunity possible for lower income families.

Four insurance companies donated \$325,000 qualifying for an 80% tax credit = \$260,000 in calendar year 2016. (Sammons Financial Group - \$150,000; Avera Health Plans - \$100,000; ReliaMax - \$50,000; 1 company desiring anonymity.)

Total Number of Partners in Education Tax Credit Program scholarships awarded to all eligible students = 295

Total amount (\$) of Partners in Education Tax Credit Program scholarships awarded to all eligible students = \$213,402 (The 25% carryover allowed by the Law gives us dollars that are available immediately for the next schoolyear)

Total number of Partners in Education Tax Credit Program scholarships awarded to students on free and reduced = 180 (61% of all scholarships)

Total amount (\$) of Partners in Education Tax Credit Program scholarships awarded to students on free and reduced = \$153,262 (72% of all scholarship dollars)

Program scholarships awarded to new students in the non-public schools:

61 transferring from a South Dakota public school; (39 of those students on free and reduced)

118 new to a South Dakota school (75 of those students on free and reduced) These students include Kindergarten, students transferring from out of state, and previous homeschool students who had never attended a SD school.

This represents a total of 179 students that were new to their non-public school. (64% of those total students are on free and reduced)



Budget Neutrality

Per Student equivalent = \$5464.011 (SD Dept. of Ed. Finance)

State's share = 56.1% (SD Dept. of Ed website)

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\$3065.31

Newly enrolled recipients: 179 X \$3065.31 = \$548, 690.49

Public school transfers: 61 X \$3065.31 = \$186,983.91

New to SD schools: 118 X \$3065.31 = \$361,706.58

116 of the scholarship students were previously enrolled in a non-public school including 1st graders and 9th graders. (57% of those students are on free and reduced)

Facts about SDPE

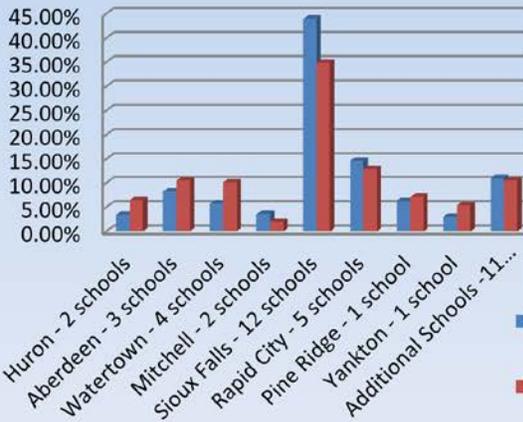
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Comparisons:

% of Private School Students to % of Scholarships
Awarded



Region	# of Private School Students	% of Private School Students	# of Scholarships	% of Scholarships
Huron - 2 schools	326	3.50%	19	6.42%
Aberdeen - 3 schools	761	8.20%	31	10.50%
Watertown - 4 schools	531	5.70%	30	10.16%
Mitchell - 2 schools	330	3.60%	6	2.00%
Sioux Falls - 12 schools	4,092	44.00%	103	35.00%
Rapid City - 5 schools	1,354	14.60%	38	12.90%
Pine Ridge - 1 school	583	6.30%	21	7.12%
Yankton - 1 school	285	3.10%	16	5.40%
Additional Schools - 11 schools	1,022	11.00%	31	10.50%
Total	9,284	100.00%	295	100.00%

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Number of Scholarships Given in 2016-2017

Huron – Holy Trinity (15) James Valley (4)
Aberdeen – Aberdeen Catholic (16) Trinity Lutheran (6) Aberdeen Christian (9)
Watertown – Watertown Christian (*3 or less) St Martin Lutheran (14) Immaculate Conception (10) Great Plains Lutheran High School (*3 or less)
Mitchell – John Paul II (6) Mitchell Christian (*3 or less)
Sioux Falls – Sioux Falls Christian (11) Good Shepherd Lutheran (7) Lutheran High School (*3 or less) Sioux Falls Lutheran (9) O’Gorman High (29) Christ the King (7) Holy Spirit (5) St Mary (*3 or less) O’Gorman Junior High (*3 or less) St Katharine Drexel (5) St Lambert (20) St Michael (*3 or less)
Rapid City – Zion Lutheran (5) Rapid City Catholic (22) St Paul Lutheran (*3 or less) Rapid City Christian (7) Black Hills Lutheran (*3 or less)
Pine Ridge – Red Cloud Indian School (21)
Yankton – Sacred Heart (16)
Additional Participating Schools (31)
Corsica – Dakota Christian (5)
Dell Rapids – St Mary (*3 or less)
Freeman – Freeman Academy (*3 or less)
Madison – St Thomas (*3 or less)
Millbank – St Lawrence (4)
Miller – Sunshine Bible (*3 or less)
Pierre – St Joseph (*3 or less)
St Francis – Sapa Un Catholic Academy (4)
Salem – St Mary (*3 or less)
Vermillion – St Agnes (*3 or less)
Volga – Volga Christian (*3 or less)
*To preserve student anonymity, schools with 3 or less Scholarship students are designated as (*3 or less)

2016

% of Scholarships to Regions

