

\* American School Counselor Association Recommends 250 students to 1 School Counselor  
 SD is 363 students to 1 School Counselor  
**45% more than Recommended**

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 Sen Rohl 1-16-24

Hi Senator,

According to the DOE website there are 350 counselors in the state. Assuming the same percentage (about 4%) of counselors utilize the program as teachers, I'm estimating about 14 could utilize the program each year. However, like Anna mentioned, there are different avenues counselors can take to complete their continuing ed requirements.

- School counselors are required to be certified by SDCL 13-10-17.
- In rule, school counselors are technically issued an education specialist certificate (see ARSD 24:28:08:05 and ARSD 24:28:08:07). The renewal requirements for an education specialist certificate are in ARSD 24:28:17:18. As it relates to continuing ed, the rule says they must "[c]omplete National Board of School Counselors or Nationally Certified School Psychologist certification or recertification during the previous five years or any combination of six education-related transcribed credits, specialized learning experience hours, or continuing education contact hours." In other words, a counselor has multiple options outside of college classes to fulfill continuing ed requirements over a five-year period.

Due to this aspect and lack of solid data from BOR, I can't make an accurate fiscal estimate. BOR received a \$25,000 appropriation during the 2023 session but since the school year hasn't started, they don't have an estimate for the pre-k program either. Let me know if you have further questions. Thank you.



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Undergrad      Grad  
 \$338.90/credit    \$470.45/credit

429 school counselors  
 40% Teacher Participation

17.16  $\xrightarrow{\text{round up}}$  18 school counselors

Under Grad  
 338.90 / per credit  
 x 6 / max credit

Grad  
 \$470.45 / per credit  
 x 6 / max credit  
 \$2,822.70  
 x 18

\$2033.40  
 x 18 (school counselors)

(Total teachers) \$50,808.60

(Half Price) Low End Estimate  
 (Total teachers) \$36,601.20 - 2 = \$75,409.80