

2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1008

**AMENDMENT 1008A  
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1   **An Act to direct the amendment of the Administrative Rules of South Dakota  
2       regarding the awarding of high school credit for participation in  
3       extracurricular athletics.**

4   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:**

5   **Section 1.** No later than September 30, 2026, the South Dakota Board of Education  
6   Standards shall, pursuant to chapter 1-26, provide for and file with the secretary of state, the  
7   amendment of § 24:43:11:02, as set forth below:

8           **24:43:11:02. General requirements for high school graduation.** The units of  
9       credit number of credits required for high school graduation must include the following at  
10       least:

- 11       (1)    Four units or more credits of language arts that, which must include the following:
  - 12           (a)    One unit credit of writing;
  - 13           (b)    One-half unit credit of speech or debate; and
  - 14           (c)    One unit credit of literature that must include one-half unit credit of  
15            American literature;
- 16       (2)    Three units or more credits of social studies that, which must include the following:
  - 17           (a)    One unit credit of U.S. history; and
  - 18           (b)    One-half unit credit of U.S. government;
- 19       (3)    Three units or more credits of mathematics that, which must include one unit credit  
20        of algebra I;
- 21       (4)    Three units or more credits of science that, which must include one unit of biology;
- 22       (5)    One unit or more credit in any combination of the following:
  - 23           (a)    Approved career and technical education courses;
  - 24           (b)    A capstone experience; and
  - 25           (c)    World languages;
- 26       (6)    One-half unit credit of personal finance or economics;

- 1       (7)    One-unit credit of fine arts;
- 2       (8)    One-half-unit credit of physical education;
- 3       (9)    One-half-unit credit of health or health integration; and
- 4       (10)   Five and one-half-units credits of electives.

5           A state-approved advanced computer science course may be substituted for one  
6    unit credit of science, ~~but may not be substituted for~~ provided that the science course  
7    being replaced is not biology.

8           Within the coursework outlined above, a student may earn one or more advanced  
9    endorsement, but is not required to do so. A student may earn one or more of the following  
10   advanced endorsements: advanced, advanced career, and advanced honors. Substitutions  
11   for laboratory science, using a state-approved computer science course, do not apply to  
12   the advanced and advanced honors endorsements.

13          Students A-If a school-sanctioned extracurricular activity aligns with the fine art  
14    content standards approved by the South Dakota Board of Education Standards, a student  
15    may must be granted up to one credit in fine arts for participation in extracurricular  
16    activities. ~~A maximum of one-fourth credit may be granted for each extracurricular activity~~  
17    ~~each school year. In order to grant credit, a district must document the alignment of the~~  
18    ~~activity with~~ ~~A student may be granted a maximum of one-fourth credit for each~~  
19    ~~extracurricular activity each school year. In order to grant credit, the~~ ~~The~~ school district  
20    ~~shall document how the extracurricular activity aligns with the fine arts content standards~~  
21    as approved by the South Dakota Board of Education Standards.

22          A-If a school-sanctioned extracurricular varsity athletic activity aligns with the  
23    physical education standards approved by the South Dakota Board of Education  
24    Standards, a student may must be granted up to one-half credit in physical education for  
25    participation in school-sanctioned extracurricular varsity athletic activities. A student may  
26    be granted a maximum of one-fourth credit for each extracurricular varsity athletic activity  
27    each school year. ~~In order to grant credit for participation in an extracurricular varsity~~  
28    ~~athletic activity, the~~ ~~The~~ school district shall document how the varsity athletic activity  
29    aligns with the physical education standards approved by the South Dakota Board of  
30    Education Standards.

31          Academic core content credit may be earned by completing an approved career  
32    and technical education course. Approval to offer credit must be obtained through an  
33    application process with the Department of Education. The application must include:  
34    (1) Course syllabus;  
35    (2) Standards-based curriculum;

- 1       (3) ~~Teacher certification;~~
- 2       (4) ~~Assessment of standards by methods including end-of-course exams, authentic~~
- 3           ~~assessment, project-based learning or rubrics~~a copy of the teacher's certification
- 4           and a course syllabus that includes assessment standards and demonstrates that
- 5           curriculum is based on state content standards.

6       **Source:** 10 SDR 111, effective April 24, 1984; 11 SDR 96, 11 SDR 112, effective  
7       July 1, 1985; 16 SDR 214, effective June 12, 1990; 23 SDR 31, effective September 8,  
8       1996; 27 SDR 75, adopted January 17, 2001; 29 SDR 140, adopted April 1, 2003; 31 SDR  
9       129, adopted March 2, 2005, effective July 1, 2009; transferred from § 24:03:06:06.01,  
10       31 SDR 178, adopted May 4, 2005, effective July 1, 2005; 33 SDR 55, adopted September  
11       11, 2006, effective September 1, 2007; 33 SDR 55, adopted September 11, 2006,  
12       effective September 1, 2009; 36 SDR 96, effective December 8, 2009; 45 SDR 35,  
13       effective September 19, 2018.

14       **General Authority:** SDCL 13-1-12.1, 13-3-47.

15       **Law Implemented:** SDCL 13-3-1.4, 13-33-1, 13-33-19.