

ROADMAP TO LAUNCHING PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

This roadmap outlines the broad steps communities, educators, and families can take to help bring public charter schools to South Dakota.

LEARN

UNDERSTAND WHAT CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE AND HOW THEY OPERATE AS PART OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

- Always public, tuition-free, and open to all students
- Designed by educators to meet local student and community needs
- Held to strong academic, financial, and operational accountability

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ENGAGE

BUILD AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGH COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS AND OUTREACH.

- Email connect@southdakotacharters.org to join our mailing list
- Be a part of the community by joining the Facebook group
- Connect with others – highlight how new school models can expand opportunities for students

JOIN OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY



ENABLE

BUILD THE POLICIES AND PARTNERSHIPS NEEDED TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

- Make your voice heard – tell lawmakers South Dakota families want more public school options
- Emphasize charter schools meet student needs through innovation and accountability
- Ask lawmakers to support legislation that enables communities to create or authorize charter schools aligned to local needs

EMAIL YOUR LEGISLATORS



LAUNCH

SUPPORT SOUTH DAKOTA EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO WANT TO START THE STATE'S FIRST PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

- Connect potential school founders with resources, mentors, and capacity-building support
- Support high-quality school models rooted in South Dakota values, culture and workforce needs
- Make your voice heard with policymakers – charter schools must demonstrate community support to be approved

SUPPORT

BUILD A LASTING NETWORK TO SUSTAIN AND STRENGTHEN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS ONCE ESTABLISHED.

- Share successes, best practices, and lessons learned across communities
- Deepen collaboration between charter and traditional public schools
- Keep the focus on students and community needs as public school options expand



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