

STUDENT SERVICES

Newsletter

Term 4 Events

March 26-28th - Junior State Testing

April 20th - CHS Prom

May 6th - Seniors can pick up graduation tickets

May 9th - Senior Awards Night

May 16th - Senior Checkout

May 17th - Senior Breakfast & Graduation Rehearsal

May 19th - CHS Graduation

Reminders:

PARENTS: Be sure to sign up with the CHS Parent Email Listservs, so you can stay in the know of information and opportunities for your student.

Links to the 9th-12th grade parent email listservs can be found on the [Student Services Webpage](#).





SENIOR NEWS



GET YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!!



Second semester students will see a great increase in the number of scholarship opportunities, and will feel the demand of needing to complete more applications. Students want to be sure to keep a close eye on the Scholarship Webpage to see what applications are available. Seniors will receive a weekly email of what scholarships are due that week and the following week. Weekly deadlines will also, be posted in the announcements in Campus.

We want all of our students who graduate from CHS to have a plan for a successful future and the means to achieve it. One way that we can help them with that is by **STRONGLY** encouraging our students to apply for scholarships. There are billions of dollars out there for students to access to help pay for their future education and endeavors, they just have to be willing to take the time to find those opportunities and fill out the applications.

Here are just a few of the ways that students can find scholarship opportunities:

- **CLICK HERE** to access the CHS Scholarship Webpage
- Scholarship Search Engines – a link to a list of search sites can be found on the CHS Scholarship page
- Contact the post-secondary schools that the student has applied to, each school has scholarship opportunities of their own

REMEMBER!

Graduation Caps and Gowns can be ordered through Jostens.com.

CLICK HERE to be directed to ordering just a Cap & Gown for \$37.95.

If you need assistance in getting a cap and gown, please reach out to your assigned School Counselor.



ASD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Aberdeen School District Foundation offeres over 30 scholarships to current CHS seniors and alumni.

April 1st is the deadline to turn these scholarship applications into Student Services.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the scholarship applications from the CHS Scholarship Webpage.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP! <i>Ernest Kerby Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>For CHS seniors planning to attend a technical school to pursuing a degree in building trades, specifically HVAC, electrical, plumbing or building construction. Student should demonstrate financial need and must have a 2.0 GPA or above.</i>
NEW SCHOLARSHIP! <i>Claire Taylor-Sherman Scholarship</i>	<i>For CHS seniors who have excelled academically, participated in co-curricular activities and shown involvement in community and school groups/events.</i>
<i>Class of '72 Scholarship - In memory of classmates lost</i>	<i>For CHS seniors exhibiting financial need, academic excellence, excellent character, community service and athletic excellence.</i>
<i>David Lust Scholarship</i>	<i>For CHS seniors and graduates demonstrating passion, purpose and potential. Minimum 3.0 GPA. Financial need may be considered</i>
<i>Beth Reitz - Walth Education Scholarship</i>	<i>For CHS senior demonstrating excellent character and academic achievement who are planning to major in education. Preference given to special education/speech pathology.</i>
<i>CHS Class of 1971 Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Seniors who demonstrate financial need, have a work history outside of school as well as academic achievement and community service.</i>
<i>Ray Hollan Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS seniors majoring in music, demonstrating excellent character, and have a passion for community involvement.</i>
<i>Huff Construction Inc. Building/Construction Trades Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Seniors who are pursuing a degree in Construction Management, Architecture or Carpentry.</i>
<i>Russ Keen Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS seniors or CHS graduates currently in their freshman, sophomore or junior year of college, and pursuing a degree in Communications or Journalism.</i>
<i>Charlotte Wilson Clarke Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Seniors planning to attend a post-secondary institution in the fall and major in FACS or Education</i>
<i>Committed to the Community - Mike Miller Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Seniors with community involvement</i>
<i>Dean Kranhold Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Seniors who have demonstrated leadership skills, excelled academically, participated in co-curricular activities and shown involvement in community and school groups/events</i>
<i>Jeanette Hurrell Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Seniors planning to earn a 4-year degree in Nursing</i>
<i>Kurt Kruger Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Senior who demonstrates excellent character, a passion for community service, academic excellence, and involvement in school activities; Student must plan to major in Education</i>
<i>Kyburz-Carlson Building/Construction Trades Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Seniors who are interested in careers in the building/construction trades industry</i>
<i>Professor Virginia L. Dixon, Class of '63 Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Senior female student who had challenging family circumstances requiring her to work to help support her family or care for a family member</i>
<i>Sally J. Couser Memorial Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Senior planning to attend a post-secondary institution and major in a certified health-related field</i>
<i>Visual Arts Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS senior who plans to pursue a degree in Art, Graphic Design, Structural or Construction Engineering, Interior Design or Architecture</i>
<i>CHS Hall of Fame Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Senior planning to attend a 4-year college/university, who have demonstrated leadership skills, academic excellence, participated in both athletic and fine art activities and have shown involvement in civic or community groups/events</i>
<i>Sanford Health Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS seniors pursuing healthcare-related degrees from post-secondary schools in North Dakota, South Dakota or Minnesota are encouraged to apply for five \$2,000 awards. Applicants must have participated in school activities and shown determination for classroom academic achievement.</i>
<i>Johnsen-Herschleb Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Seniors who have a 2.8 or higher GPA, have demonstrated leadership throughout high school, and are interested in the field of Business or Fine Arts</i>
<i>Joshua Hinderks Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS Senior pursuing a degree in the medical field, preference given to students majoring in Chiropractic or Massage Therapy, Physical Therapy or Sports Medicine. Student must demonstrate excellent character and show financial need.</i>
<i>Jerry Slaby "In Pursuit of a Law Career" Scholarship</i>	<i>CHS senior planning to pursue a degree in Law with the career goal of becoming a lawyer. Student must show academic achievement and mature character.</i>

MORE SENIOR NEWS

24-25 FAFSA APPLICATION OPEN NOW!!

If Seniors are planning to attend college in the fall, and are looking to apply for Financial Aid, the 24-25 FAFSA application is now open!

The FAFSA is the only way an eligible student is able to receive federal financial aid, such as grants and student loans. Please be aware of scammers; you will **NEVER** have to pay to file the FAFSA.

CHS had a Financial Aid Night in Term 1 – A video of the presentation, along with the PowerPoint can be found on the [Student Services Webpage](#).

The student applying for financial aid, along with at least one parent/guardian MUST create an FSA ID. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the instructions on how to do that BEFORE filling out the FAFSA.

[CLICK HERE](#) to start the process to file the FAFSA. In order for your student to get the best financial aid package possible, you will want to file for the FAFSA as soon as you can.

Helpful Info:

- Students will want to be sure to put the college(s) they have applied to or will apply to on their FAFSA form so they will receive an award letter from those schools. Sometimes financial aid plays a factor in deciding where a student will attend, so that is why they want to make sure all of the schools they applied to are on their FAFSA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHS TERM THREE EARLY GRADS!

Austyn Brunsen
Quincy Madsen
Jillian Moffenbier
Fatima Monroy
Zoey Morgan
Ashton Nash
Zavian Ness
Jaiden Peterson
Brendan Stapp



SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

The 102nd Annual Senior Awards Night will be held on Thursday, May 9th, at 7:00pm in the Thomas F. Kelly Theater.

We will be recognizing our Central High School Seniors for awards earned in the following categories:

- Social Service
- Scholastic
- Language Arts
- History
- Fine Arts
- Leadership
- Math & Science
- Athletic
- Scholarships



Senior award recipients and their families are encouraged to attend. We ask that the award recipients wear dress clothes attire and **NO** jeans or T-shirts. This is a publicly attended event, so we ask that all students be prepared to dress accordingly and positively represent CHS.

This is a great night for our Senior students, families, CHS faculty and the community, to be able to recognize the hard work of our Seniors and to show them that their determination, perseverance, good character, strong work ethic and so much more, do not go unnoticed.

If you have more questions about Awards Night, please contact School Counselor, Mrs. Shannon Knappe, at 605-725-8120.



Central High School Class of 2024 Graduation

The Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th, at 2pm.

- Class Colors: Royal Blue and Gold
- Class Flower: Iris



Doors will open for ***Ticket Holders ONLY*** at 12:00pm

- Seniors can pick up their tickets from Mrs. Teply in Student Services starting Monday, May 6th.
- Students will be able to pick up 12 tickets at this time.
- Individuals who have a ticket will be able to enter the gym before the general public to get the better seating.
- If students need more than 12 tickets, extra tickets will be available after graduation rehearsal on May 17th.

Doors will open to the rest of the public at 1:00pm.



Senior Checkout

- Thursday, May 16th - Seniors can pick up their checkout sheet that morning from Mrs. Teply in Student Services.
- Seniors will only be able to obtain the Assistant Principal's signatures from 2pm-4pm in Student Services that day. The rest of the required signatures can be obtained throughout the day.
- Senior fees **MUST** be paid prior to the check-out date. Students who are unsure if they have any outstanding fees may check Parent/Student Portal or contact Mrs. Teply in the Student Services Office at 725-8117.

Senior Breakfast and MANDATORY Graduation Rehearsal will be Friday, May 17th, at 9am.

- Rehearsal is mandatory for any senior planning to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Caps and Gowns have been distributed to seniors who have ordered them so far.

- Any senior who has not ordered a cap and gown yet, and plans to participate in the ceremony, please do so ASAP at www.jostens.com.

GRADUATION CAP ADORNMENT - The **ONLY** approved graduation cap adornment is the Native American beading for Native American students, as approved by the SD Legislature.

- Please see Mr. Gordon Tree Top Jr., ASD Indian Education Coordinator, for final approval of cap beading.
- No other decorating of the graduation cap is allowed.

For any further questions about graduation, please contact CHS Principal, Dr. Jason Uttermark at 605-725-8123.

23-24 AP EXAMS

Students in 10th-12th grade, who are currently taking an AP course, are eligible to take an AP exam to possibly earn college credit. These tests are optional and cost \$98 for each exam taken.

Here are the 23-24 AP Exam dates:

- **MONDAY, MAY 6TH**
 - *AP Chemistry - Test starts at 12pm*
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH**
 - *AP English Literature & Composition - Test starts at 8am*
- **FRIDAY, MAY 10TH**
 - *AP US History - Test starts at 8am*
 - *AP European History - Test starts at 8am*
- **TUESDAY, MAY 14TH**
 - *AP English Language & Composition - Test starts at 8am*
- **THURSDAY, MAY 16TH**
 - *AP Biology - Test starts at 12pm*

Sign up for the AP Exams have already taken place. Parents and students who have signed up for an AP exam will receive an email with testing details.

Payment is due at the time of the exam. The exam fee is set by CollegeBoard and is \$98. If a student signed up to take the exam and does not show up on exam day, there will be a fee charged to that student.

Students who are currently in free/reduced lunch will have their AP exam fee waived. Please direct any questions regarding AP exams to School Counselor, Mrs. Karlie Cooper, at Karlie.Cooper@k12.sd.us.



What do AP Scores Mean?

Student's AP score is a measure of that student's achievement in the college-level AP course. This score will be used by colleges and universities to determine if they will grant that student credit for what they have already learned, or allow that student to skip the equivalent course once they get to college (this is known as advanced placement).

A student's score is a weighted combination of their scores on the multiple-choice section and on the free-response section. The final score is reported on a 5-point scale as follows:

- 5 = extremely well qualified
- 4 = well qualified
- 3 = qualified
- 2 = possibly qualified
- 1 = no recommendation

"Qualified" means that the student has proven themselves capable of doing the work of an introductory-level course in a particular subject at college. Many colleges and universities grant credit and placement for scores of 3, 4 or 5; however, each college decides which scores it will accept.

ACT EXAM

Junior students, planning a post-secondary education, should plan to take the ACT exam at least once prior to the start of their Senior year of high school. Nationally, April is the most popular ACT test date for juniors to take the ACT exam for the first time. There are two other test date options this school year, June and/or July, which students may take the ACT exam as well

Registration and payment for the ACT exam is all done online. Students can apply online at www.act.org for ACT exam.

Below are the remaining test dates for the school year:

- **June 8th ACT Exam** – Regular registration deadline May 3rd
- **July 13th ACT Exam** – Registration Deadline June 7th

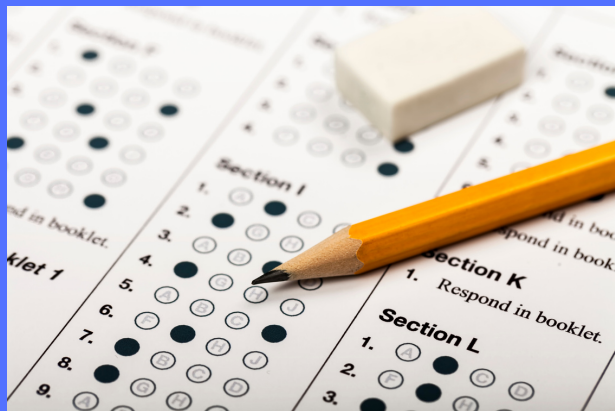
Testing sites do fill up – So the sooner students register the better the chances are to get into the desired site.

ACT Fee Waiver:

Students who are on Free/Reduced Lunch are eligible for up to 4 Fee Waivers – Students should see their assigned School Counselor for more info.

College Course Placement & ACT Sub Scores

- **Math:** Some colleges have waived the ACT score requirement for Math placement and may go off GPA and high school Math grades
- **English:** Students must score an 18 or higher English sub score to not take remedial English coursework



PREPARE FOR THE ACT!

We advise students to not go into this exam unprepared!

Students can take this exam up to 12 times – colleges and scholarship committees take the best score. Some even take the ACT SuperScore!

Here are some practice resources:

- **SDMyLife Methodize Test Prep** - All students have access to this FREE ACT Prep Program through their SDMyLife student accounts.
- **ACT Test Practice Site** - Link to site is also on the Student Services Webpage
- **McGraw/Hill ACT Practice tests** – link to practice tests is on Student Service Webpage
- **Library** - ACT prep books available for checkout
- **Student Services** - Hard copies of the ACT Practice Booklets

REMEMBER:

COMPLETE JUNIOR CONFERENCE

ALL juniors are required to schedule their Junior Conference to meet with their assigned School Counselor by the designated deadline below. Students can schedule their conference with their assigned School Counselor through Mrs. Teply in Student Services. These conferences are for students only, parent/guardians are not expected to attend.

****Mrs. Stadel's students who still need to complete their Junior Conference can do so with Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Knuppe, depending on where you fall in the alpha split.**

Here are the School Counselor specific deadlines:

- Mrs. Cooper (A-G & Stadel's H-K) - Friday, April 26th
- Mrs. Knuppe (P-Z & Stadel's L-O) - Friday, April 26th
- Mrs. Larson (A-Z: All IEP students) - Friday, April 26th

If a junior does not get their conference completed by the deadline, they **WILL NOT** receive open campus first semester of senior year.

Students are responsible for scheduling their own conference. Conferences can be scheduled to be held during the following times:

- Before or after school
- During Super Study
- During an Elective class block
 - Students will not be allowed to miss a CORE class for a conference.

During these conferences we will do credit checks with the student, go over senior year planning, post-secondary plans, information on the ACT, the post-secondary education application process and much more. This is an excellent opportunity for juniors to get their questions answered and to make plans for a successful and productive senior year!

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

American Legion Boys State is an excellent opportunity for boys who are juniors or seniors in high school, which brings together boys from all over South Dakota to experience a week of learning, collaborating, and engaging in various government and political systems. It opens up future scholarship opportunities and is an excellent addition to a student's resume.

According to the American Legion Boys State website, "American Legion Boys State of South Dakota is the premier summer program for enabling South Dakota youth's understanding of the system of government in South Dakota and the United States. In addition to a program that includes sessions led by South Dakota government leaders, the citizens of Boys State create and operate their own mythical state government."

For more information on this program, and to apply online, please go to the **Student Services Webpage** for a link to the website, which is found under "Programs." Boys in their Junior or Senior year can attend, but can only attend one of those years.

The deadline to apply for Boys State is May 1st.



Application spots are limited and are granted on a first come, first serve basis. Students who submit an application should inform their assigned School Counselor of their application submission.

VISIT COLLEGES!!

*CLICK ON THE COLLEGE NAME TO BE DIRECTED TO THEIR VISIT WEBPAGE. VISITS CAN BE SCHEDULED ONLINE. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ATTEND A LARGE GROUP VISIT DAY YOU CAN SCHEDULE YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL VISIT TOO.

South Dakota State University

- Jackrabbit Preview Day
 - March 22nd
 - April 5th
 - April 12th
 - April 19th
 - April 26th
- Yellow & Blue Discovery Days
 - April 6th
 - April 27th
- Jackrabbit Decision Day - April 15th
- Jackrabbit Engineering Day - April 23rd

Augustana University

- Admitted Student Day - March 22nd
- Junior Visit Day
 - April 12th
 - April 26th

Mitchell Technical College

- Exploration Day
 - April 3rd
 - July 18th

University of South Dakota

- Coyote Visit Days
 - March 22nd
 - April 12th
 - April 26th

Dakota State University

- DSU Discover Day
 - April 6th

Mount Marty University

- Admitted Student Day - April 27th

Black Hills State University

- BHSU Preview Day - April 19th

University of Sioux Falls

- Campus Preview Day - April 19th

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

- Go to Mines Open House
 - April 20th
 - June 7th
 - July 20th

Dakota Wesleyan University

- Tiger Preview Days - March 22nd
- Student Experience & Overnight Visit - April 5th

Lake Area Technical College

- Junior Tech Day - April 3rd

Western Dakota Technical College

- Preview Days
 - April 20th
 - July 16th

SUMMER '24 DUAL CREDIT REGISTRATION OPEN NOW FALL '24 DUAL CREDIT REGISTRATION TO OPEN APRIL 1ST

Dual Credit is an amazing opportunity for high school juniors and seniors who meet admission requirements, to enroll in a public post-secondary school in South Dakota, and earn BOTH high school credit and college credit. Students can take Dual Credit courses for the LOW price of \$48.33 per credit hour.

- Current eligible JUNIORS can register to take Dual Credit courses over the summer NOW.
- Current ELIGIBLE Sophomores and Juniors can register to take Dual Credit courses for Fall 2024 ONLY, on April 1st.
- Students who are planning on taking Dual Credits second semester next year, Spring 2024, WILL NOT register for those courses until November 2024.

SUMMER 2024 & FALL 2024 REGISTRATION PROCESS

This year there is a new application process for Dual Credit registration through the colleges.

- Current Juniors who want to take Dual Credit courses over the summer need to set up an individual appointment with their assigned School Counselor to go over the new process.
- Current Sophomores and Juniors who put a "Dual Must Be Filled 1, 2 and/or 3" on their 24-25 course registration for first semester next year, will receive an email invite to attend a meeting on April 3rd, where the school counselors will go over the new application process.
- The Dual Credit registration packet and instructions have been updated and can be found on the Student Services webpage under the "Dual Credit" column.
 - [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the Student Services Webpage.

****IMPORTANT**** Classes do fill up, so the sooner students turn their Dual Credit applications in, the better chance they have of getting into the class they want.

Applications need to be submitted online and student's assigned School Counselor should receive the online form to sign off on by Friday, May 10th.

- **Any student who is new to the Dual Credit Program, or has taken a semester off, MUST fill out the CHS/ASD Dual Credit paper forms as well, and turn those in to their assigned School Counselor by May 10th.**

Reminder that Students/Parents/Guardians are responsible for the cost of the class, as well as any books associated with the course.



ASD Foundation Dual Credit Book Reimbursement

The Aberdeen Public School Foundation offers Book Reimbursement to all CHS students who take Dual Credit courses.

Students just need to save the receipts from their book purchases and turn them in to Mrs. Sutton in the Main Office, along with the completed Book Reimbursement form to receive up to \$50 back per class.

CLICK HERE to access the Book Reimbursement Form.

Financial Aid for Dual Credit



South Dakota State University offers the Jackrabbit ACE Scholarship to eligible students who want to take Dual Credit courses through SDSU. Students who qualify for this scholarship will receive a scholarship that funds one dual credit course (up to five credits) each semester of their junior and senior year of high school and the summer between their junior and senior year. Textbooks and/or course materials are the responsibility of the student.

[Click Here](#) for more information on who is eligible and to apply for this scholarship opportunity.

Scholarships for Taking Dual Credits

Some South Dakota universities are offering students scholarships through their university if the student took Dual Credit through them when they were in high school.

For more information, below are the links to each college that offers this scholarship opportunity. If a student is planning to attend one of these universities, it is encouraged to consider taking Dual Credit through that institution so that they may receive the scholarship for their first year of college

[University of South Dakota - South Dakota Dual Credit Scholarship](#)

[South Dakota State University Jackrabbit Journey Scholarship](#)

[Northern State University Dual Credit Scholarship](#)



Northern Academy Early College Experience

Become part of the pack by taking your dual credit courses **on campus**.

Free tuition and books for:

- Income eligible
- Underserved populations
- First-generation college students



NORTHERN
STATE UNIVERSITY

For more information contact Eric Kline at eric.kline@northern.edu or 605-626-2719.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access informational video.

2024 SUMMER CAMPS AT SOUTH DAKOTA COLLEGES

Southeast Technical College

- **May 28th**
 - Horticulture Career Academy
- **June 3rd**
 - Engineering Camp

University of South Dakota

- **June 9th-14th**
 - Healthcare Careers Summer Camp
- **July 7th-11th**
 - Summer Accounting Institute
 - Business Analytics Adventure
- **July 14th-19th**
 - Summer Music Camp

Lake Area Technical College

- **May 28th**
 - Titan Machinery Diesel Camp
- **July 17th**
 - TK One-Day Diesel Camp

Black Hills State University

- Give Nursing a Shot! Camp
 - **June 10th-13th** at Spearfish
 - **June 24th-27th** at Rapid City

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

- **CLICK HERE** to access camp registrations.
- **June 3rd-6th**
 - PreMed @ Mines Camp - PreProfessionals Health Camp
 - Musical Electronics - Electrical Engineering Camp
- **June 10th-13th**
 - Mining & Explosives - Mining Engineering Camp
 - The Science of Pottery & Glass - Art & Engineering Camp
- **June 17th-21st**
 - Metals, Metallurgy & Forensics - Metallurgy Engineering Camp
- **June 17th-20th**
 - Geoengineering the Planet - Geological Engineering Camp
- **June 24-27**
 - Green Chemistry - Chemistry Camp
- **June 24-28**
 - Science of Swords - Metallurgy Engineering Camp
- **July 8th-11th**
 - 3D and Beyond Camp
 - The Chemical Engineering Institute - Chemical Engineering Camp
 - Programming the Ideal Smart Home: Coding w/Snakes and Sensors - Computer Science Camp
- **July 15th-18th**
 - Camp BioMed - Biomedical Engineering Camp
 - STEM Exploration - Science & Engineering Camp
- **July 22nd-25th**
 - Robotics for Beginners - Computer Science Camp
 - It's Rocket Science - Physics Camp



OUR DAKOTA DREAMS ONLINE TUTORING PROGRAMS

OUR DAKOTA DREAMS OFFERS FREE
ONLINE TUTORING FOR ALL K-12
SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENTS THROUGH
TWO UNIQUE PROGRAMS.

Students and Parents,

I'm excited to tell you about an addition to our Dakota Dream's Online Tutoring Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Dakota Dreams is now offering two amazing learning opportunities, Tutor Tracks and Homework Help.

TUTOR TRACKS (1ST-8TH GRADE)

Tutor Tracks is a seven-week, guided tutoring program, available for students in grades 1-8, designed to firm up your student's foundations in Reading, Grammar or Math. These sessions are scheduled for 30 minutes, twice a week, with tutor-led lesson plans.

HOMEWORK HELP (K-12TH GRADE)

Dakota Dreams offers online tutoring for homework help on an as-needed basis for K-12 students. Sessions can be scheduled ahead of time or accessed on-demand during program hours as students need help or have questions on schoolwork.

These two programs are staffed with university students pursuing education degrees at Black Hills State University and Northern State University.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT
[OURDAKOTADREAMS.COM/ONLINE-TUTORING](https://ourdakotadreams.com/online-tutoring)

OR SCAN
THE QR CODE



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