

A Vision for Distance Education in South Dakota

“Start with the Children...Empower the Workforce...Promote Economic Development”
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Distance education in South Dakota works, not as an add-on, not as a frill, and not as a novelty. Distance education is an integral part of education in the state. Distance education using the newly constructed Digital Dakota Network is basic to the future of education in the state.

Distance education works in South Dakota because it is a system that emphasizes:

- local control of the curriculum,
- active involvement by educators from local school districts,
- interactive instruction,
- statewide alliances and regional partnerships,
- preservice, inservice, and staff development activities,
- implementation using existing organizations and expertise, and
- research-based instructional decision making.