

SOUTH DAKOTA School Law Notes



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Q: Why can Madonna write off her work clothes, but a South Dakota school administrator probably can't?

A: The tax code allows a deduction for work clothes, but usually only if:

- You wear them as a condition of your employment; and
- The clothes are not suitable for everyday wear.

Firefighters, health care workers, letter carriers, and law enforcement officers qualify for this deduction.

Musicians and entertainers (like Madonna) can also deduct their clothes which aren't suitable for everyday wear.

Unfortunately, most South Dakota school administrators cannot use this tax deduction!





South Dakota Legislature Announces Task Force to Study Education

State officials say they want to study education in South Dakota and re-evaluate how the system is funded before taking action.

Governor Dennis Daugaard and legislative leaders announced the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers

and Students, which will report recommendations to the 2016 Legislature.

Read more at <http://www.ksfy.com/home/headlines/Republican-leaders-announce-task-force-to-study-education-291090051.html>

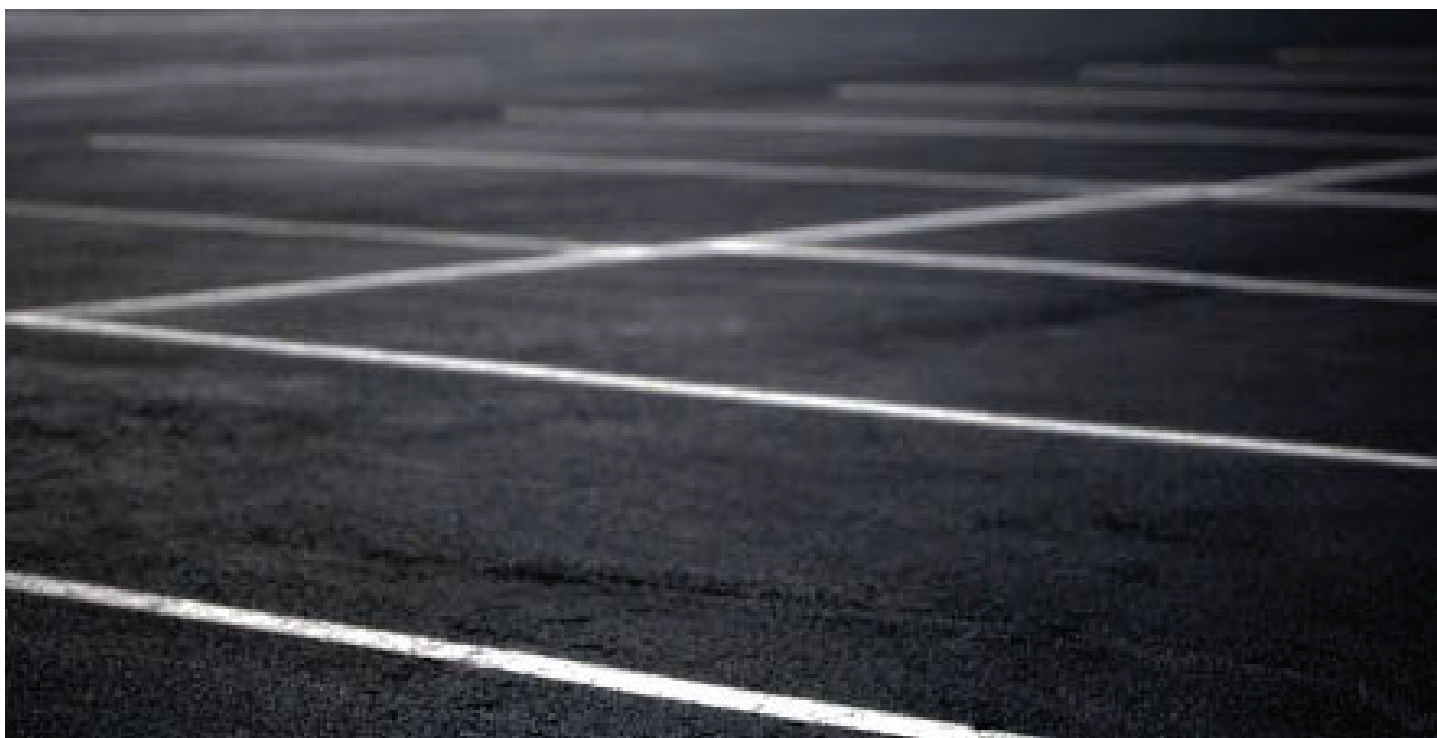
Q: Under South Dakota law, can a county commissioner also serve as a school board member?

A: **No.** In South Dakota, no elected county, municipal, or state officer or the holder of any other office (which duties are incompatible or inconsistent with the duties of a school board member) is eligible to serve on a school board.



Q: Is a South Dakota school district required to have a flag and flagpole?

A: **Yes.** In South Dakota, all school boards are required to erect and maintain upon each public school building or upon the grounds surrounding each public school building, a United States flag of not less than three by five feet. The flag shall be floated from the flagstaff or pole during the school hours of each school day, except when a violent storm or inclement weather would destroy or materially injure the flag.



Q: Can a South Dakota school district charge a fee for using the school parking lot?

A: **Yes.** In South Dakota, any school board may charge a fee to students or others for parking their motor vehicles in or on parking facilities provided by the school district.



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