

# SOUTH DAKOTA School Law Notes



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**Q:** Do South Dakota's public schools have to permit military and National Guard recruiters access to students?

**A:** **Yes.** Any public secondary school accredited by the South Dakota Department of Education, and any public postsecondary school, located in South Dakota, must permit active duty and reserve duty military recruiters or South Dakota National Guard military recruiters reasonable access to school facilities and students, at reasonable times and at reasonable places, for the purposes of providing information about military careers and benefits.

**Q:** In South Dakota, when can an educator use physical force against a student?

**A:** Superintendents, principals, supervisors, and teachers and their aids and assistants, have the authority to use the physical force that is reasonable and necessary for supervisory control over students.







**Q:** In South Dakota, can a school administrator or teacher refer a student for psychiatric treatment without the parent's consent?

**A:** **No.** A public school administrator or teacher cannot refer a student for psychiatric treatment (within or outside the school) without the prior written consent of the student's parent or guardian.



## South Dakota Board of Education Adopts New Physical Education Standards

The South Dakota Board of Education has adopted a new set of physical education standards that are meant to encourage students to maintain physically active lifestyles.

The physical education standards at the elementary school level focus on fundamental motor skills. In middle school, students apply those motor skills. In high school, the emphasis is on fitness and wellness.

Read More About South Dakota Board of Education Adopts New Physical Education Standards... and university leaders at: [http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2014/09/15/sd-board-adopts-new-physical-education\\_ap.html](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2014/09/15/sd-board-adopts-new-physical-education_ap.html)

## Wisconsin School District Adopts Transgender Policy

A Wisconsin school district has adopted a policy allowing transgender students to use the bathroom and locker room of the gender with which they identify if it's alright with their parents and principals.

The Janesville School Board adopted the policy to bar discrimination based on gender identity.



## Just for Fun!



"For those of you not following me online,  
here's what I did on my summer vacation."



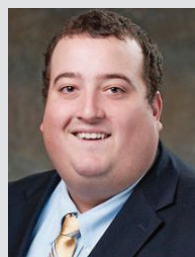
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