

Join the South Dakota Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards Pilot! September 2022–May 2023

The **South Dakota Office of Indian Education (Department of Tribal Relations)**, the **Department of Education**, and the **Region 11 Comprehensive Center** are seeking partners for a pilot program prioritizing the implementation of the **Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards (OSEUS)**.

This partnership advances the development of the OSEUS curriculum and provides resources, materials, and professional development support to teams of educators in public, private, and Tribal/BIE schools serving students in K–8. We will prioritize selecting teams that serve high percentages of Native American students and represent the diversity of South Dakota (e.g., those that teach different grades/subjects, are from different areas of the state, are from rural and urban locations).

Participating teachers will learn how to use an Innovation Configuration Map as a guide to support their implementation of the OSEUS. Participation is limited to six five-member teacher teams.

For more information, contact Dorothy Aguilera-Black Bear dabbear10@gmail.com or 818-404-1183 by August 10, 2022.

Participant benefits:



Completion of a needs assessment.



Two-day launch coinciding with the Indian Education Conference in Rapid City (September 9-10). Topics will include the OSEUS, culture-based instruction, and Innovation Configuration Mapping.



Three additional days (in October, January, and March) of professional learning on lesson planning and instructional design, collaborating with colleagues, engaging families and communities, and Oceti Sakowin-sustaining instruction.



Monthly webinars to support implementation.



Connection to a network of educators across the state working to implement the OSEUS.



Books and other resources to support staff learning.



Professional development credit and stipends available.

