

Values that Drive the Program Forward

Core Organizational Values

We believe: Every child has the right to access the tools they need to grow and live a successful life.

We value: That children who are deaf and hard of hearing have the right to full participation in social and educational experiences in their homes, schools, and communities.

We assure: A connection and collaboration with parents, families, schools, health care providers, and others to serve children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

We dedicate: Our time and talents to furthering knowledge and best practices in understanding the educational, cultural, medical, and social needs of children who are deaf and hard of hearing.



Mission

South Dakota School
for the Deaf – Partners
in educational success.



Strategic Priorities: 2013 - 2016

Vision

South Dakota School for the Deaf -- To provide the specialized educational services and resources for South Dakota children who are deaf and hard of hearing leading to their full and active participation.

Expand and enhance service supports to assure equitable access to consultative and direct services statewide.

Build the internal quality and staff capacity of all School for the Deaf personnel to effectively meet the specialized educational needs of students who are deaf and hard of hearing statewide.

Expand educational opportunities for parents, school personnel, and community leaders to support the needs of children who are deaf and hard of hearing

Expand opportunities for social interaction for children who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families

Expand the availability of specialized audiological testing, services, and follow-up through collaboration with healthcare providers statewide.

Build the understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the School for the Deaf as a partner with parents, schools, and communities in meeting the educational needs of children