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NORTH DAKOTA HIGHLIGHTS 2024-2025



OVERVIEW

North Dakota enacted authorizing legislation in 1999 to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Since that time, commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory committees from North Dakota have provided and continue to provide important governance and strategic direction for MHEC.

HOW NORTH DAKOTA BENEFITS FROM MHEC MEMBERSHIP

Savings and Support

- » **\$1.7M in total annual savings and support** for North Dakota colleges, universities, school districts, and state and local governments, a 15-fold return on the annual compact membership commitment
- » \$1.53M in savings for distance education through the Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement
- » \$158,473 in savings through MHEC technology contracts
- » \$16,261 in capacity building support (state grants, convenings, scholarships and travel grants)

Additional Opportunities and Support

- » All 11 North Dakota University System institutions will have access to the Compass career readiness and workforce alignment platform as a result of a \$250,000 MHEC Strategic Impact and Innovation Grant, an initiative to advance innovative ideas and solutions in higher education.
- » The North Dakota University System will benefit in 2026 by participating in MHEC's student health insurance contract.
- » MHEC continues to provide reports in response to requests from North Dakota legislators and postsecondary leaders on topics including population in North Dakota ages 25 to 64 by educational attainment; graduate degree attainment; full-time equivalent enrollment; dual enrollment; online enrollment; promise programs; and budgetary oversight.

Learn more at mhec.org/states/northdakota

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact brings together leaders from Midwestern states to strengthen postsecondary education and promote regional economic vitality



- » MHEC leverages the knowledge and expertise of postsecondary leaders to generate collaborative solutions to challenges in higher education.
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- » MHEC's contracts and programs save colleges, universities, and students in its member states valuable time and millions of dollars annually.
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- » MHEC research and policy initiatives support workforce readiness and improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of postsecondary education.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2026-2028

Expand cost- and time-saving initiatives.

Support alignment of postsecondary education and workforce development.

Advance regional solutions for emerging topics in higher education.