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# SOUTH DAKOTA HIGHLIGHTS 2024-2025



## OVERVIEW

South Dakota enacted authorizing legislation in 2008 to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Since that time, commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory committees from South Dakota have provided and continue to provide important governance and strategic direction for MHEC.

## HOW SOUTH DAKOTA BENEFITS FROM MHEC MEMBERSHIP

### Savings and Support

- » **\$346,969 in total annual savings and support** for South Dakota colleges, universities, school districts, and state and local governments, a three-fold return on the annual compact membership commitment
- » \$334,406 in savings through MHEC technology contracts
- » \$12,563 in capacity building support (state grants, convenings, scholarships and travel grants)

### Additional Opportunities and Support

- » Each MHEC member state is eligible for a Strategic Impact and Innovation Grant of up to \$250,000 over two years from MHEC to advance innovative ideas and solutions in higher education.
- » MHEC continues to provide reports in response to requests from South Dakota postsecondary leaders.

Learn more at [mhec.org/states/southdakota](https://mhec.org/states/southdakota)

# 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.