



Fast Track Admissions Pilot

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What is Fast Track Admission?

- Fast Track Admission is a new pilot program in South Dakota that lets high school seniors bypass the college application process for participating universities based on their academic achievements.
- Participating university campuses:
 - Black Hills State University, Main Campus – Spearfish
 - Black Hills State University – Rapid City
 - Northern State University – Aberdeen
 - South Dakota State University – Brookings
 - University of South Dakota, Main Campus – Vermillion
 - University of South Dakota – Sioux Falls
- This is a three-year pilot starting in 2024-2025 that includes students in select school districts, including those in Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, and Spearfish. Participation is expected to expand in future years.

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- Eligible students at Fast Track Admission high schools will receive a personalized letter in September with a list of universities where they have earned direct admission for Fall 2025.
 - Eligibility includes seniors who (1) are on track to graduate in the spring with a regular high school diploma and (2) have a GPA of 2.0 or greater at the end of their junior year.
 - Fast Track Admission applies to general admission only; some programs or majors may have additional admissions requirements.
- Students do not need to complete an additional application for the schools on their Fast Track Admission list.

What Fast Track Admission Means For Students

- To participate, students must activate their Fast Track Admission by selecting their school(s) of interest on the *Fast Track Activation Form* found with their letter.
- Students aren't obligated or limited to the universities on their list! Fast Track Admission just tells them which schools they have been accepted to without an application.
- If a student's Fast Track Admission list doesn't include a school they are interested in attending, they are strongly encouraged to complete an application for that school.



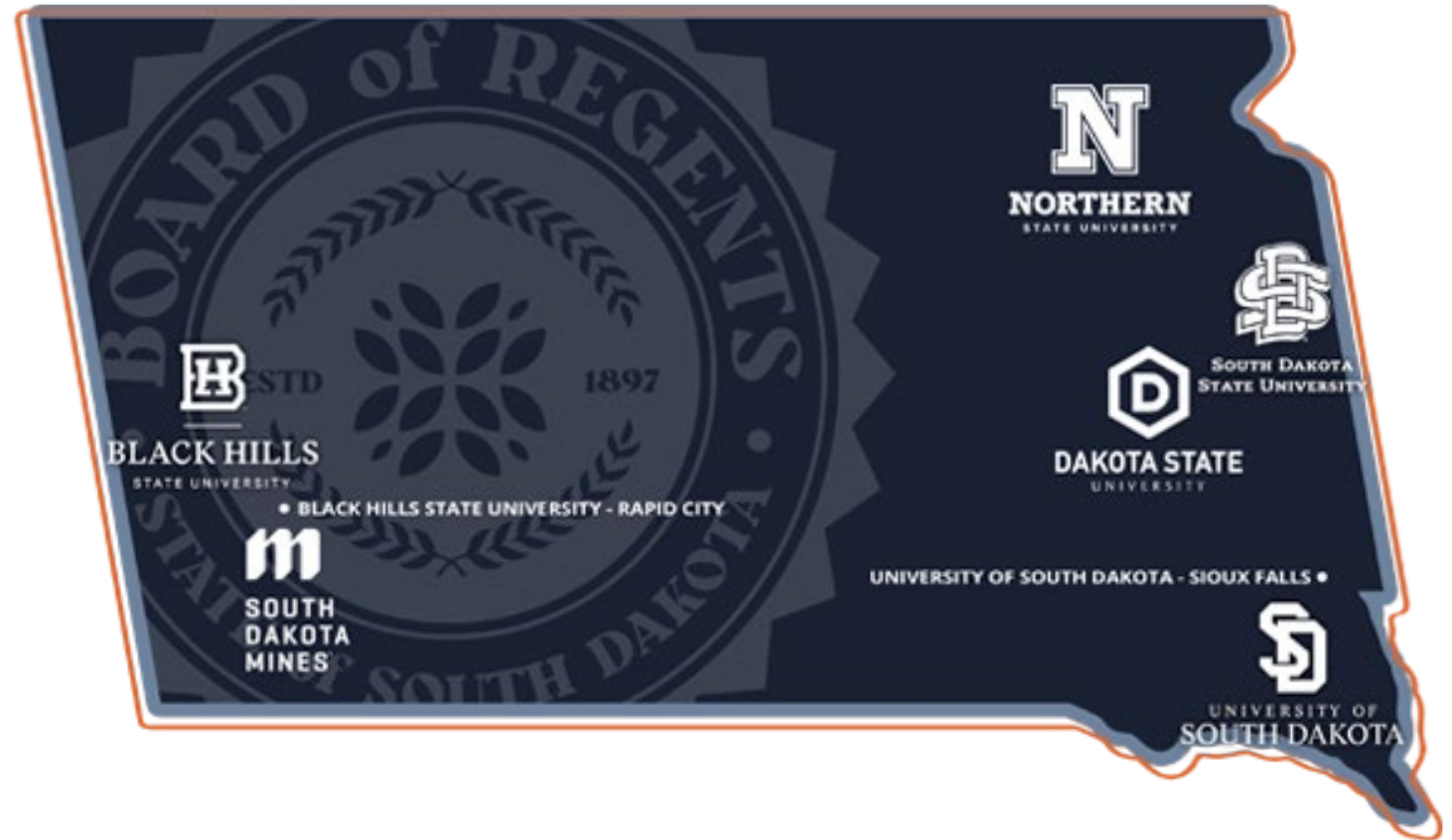
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- All students should read their Fast Track Admission letter and determine which schools they'd like to be directly admitted to.
- Students should activate their Fast Track Admission by selecting their school(s) of interest using the *Fast Track Activation Form* link in their letter
- Once students have selected their school(s), university representatives will follow up with additional information.
- All students should complete the FASFA and learn more about their financial aid options.



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- Students and parents wanting additional information should:
 - Review the “Now What” sent with the Fast Track Admission letter and contact the campus admissions offices
 - Visit the South Dakota Board of Regents Fast Track Admissions website at: sdbor.edu/fast-track
 - Talk to your High School Counselor



Thanks for your participation!