



# 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 simplifies the traditional college application process for participating universities based on student's academic achievements.
- Participating university campuses:
  - Black Hills State University – Spearfish
  - Black Hills State University – Rapid City (*non-residential*)
  - Dakota State University – Madison
  - Northern State University – Aberdeen
  - South Dakota Mines – Rapid City
  - South Dakota State University – Brookings
  - University of South Dakota – Vermillion
  - University of South Dakota – Sioux Falls (*non-residential*)
- 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 juniors at Fast Track Admission high schools will receive a letter in early April with a list of universities where they have earned direct admission for Fall 2026.
  - Eligibility includes juniors who (1) are on track to graduate in the spring with a regular high school diploma and (2) have a qualifying GPA.
  - Fast Track Admission includes general admission to the university. (Some programs or majors may have secondary admissions requirements.)
- Students do not need to complete a traditional application for the schools on their Fast Track Admission list.

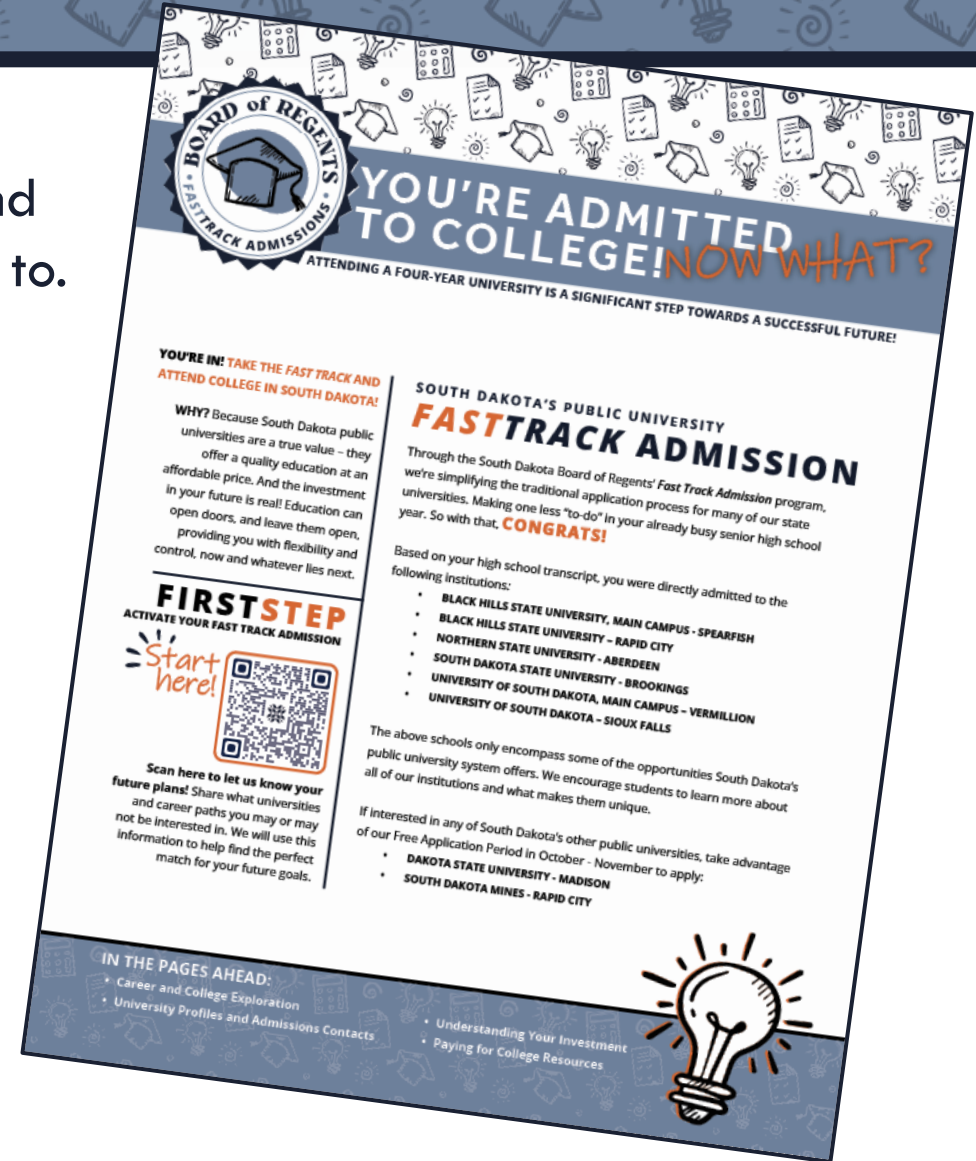
# What Fast Track Admission Means For Students

- To participate, students must activate their Fast Track Admission by selecting their school(s) of interest on a simple *Fast Track Activation Form*.
- Students aren't obligated or limited to the universities on their list! Fast Track Admission just tells them which schools they could be directly accepted to without a traditional 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.



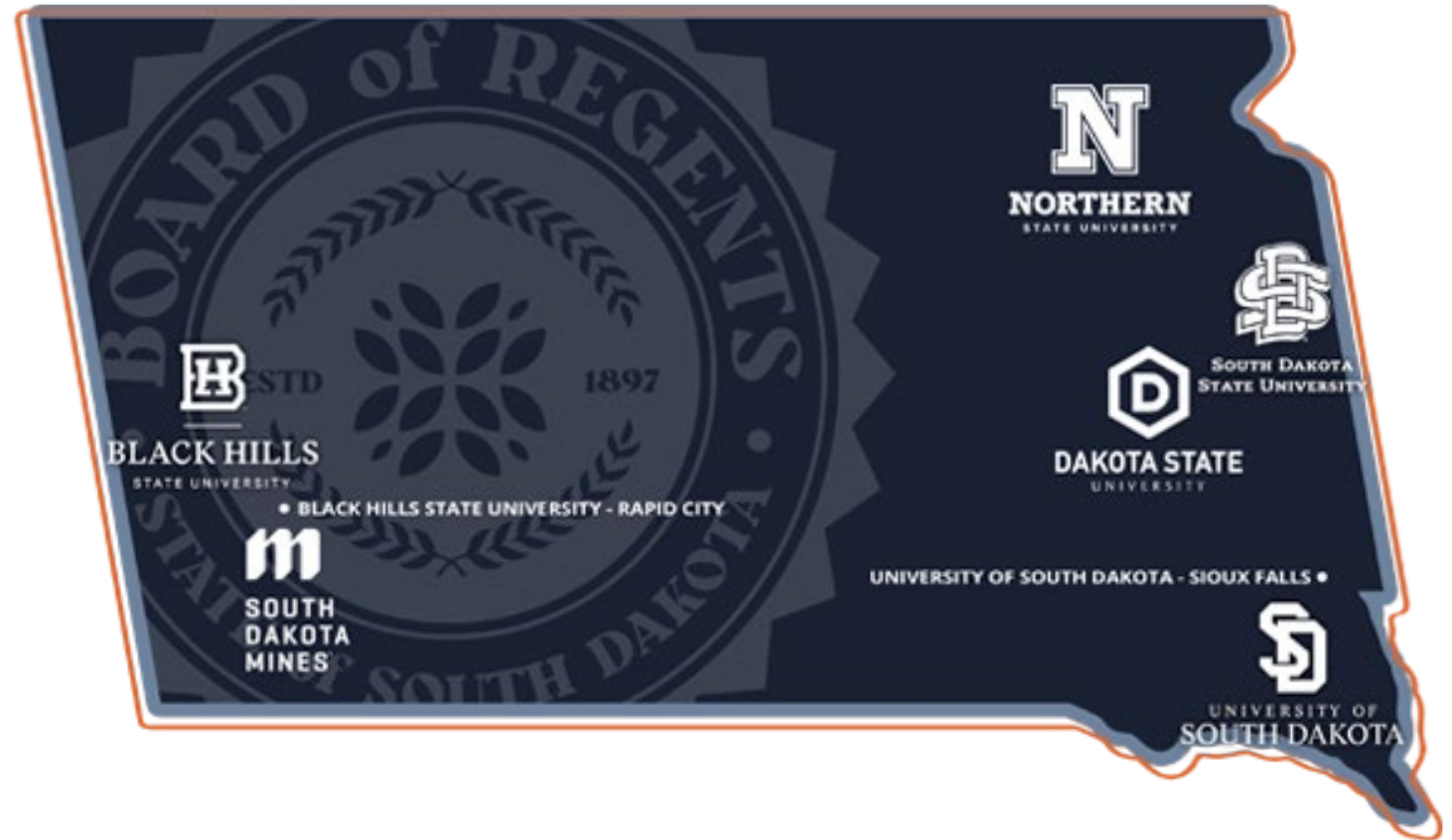
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- All students should read their Fast Track Admission letter and determine which schools they'd like to be directly admitted to.
- Students should activate their Fast Track Admission by selecting their school(s) of interest using the *Fast Track Activation Form* link in their letter. Alternatively, students registering for High School Dual Credi Coursework can activate their Fast Track Admission within the HSDC registration form.
- 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](http://sdbor.edu/fast-track)
  - Talk to your High School Counselor



Thanks for your participation!