New Frontiers in State Policy Resource Sharing: Expanding SPIDO
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State Policy Inventory Database Online (SPIDO)

- Resource for state policymakers, researchers, education leaders, and others
- Inventory of *state-level* policies (statute and board rule) related to higher education preparation, access, affordability, and success of all students
- Partnership of three organizations
  - WICHE
  - Pathways to College Network
  - NCSL – Research Assistance
SPIDO – Home Page
SPIDO – 11 Domains

- Accelerated Learning Options
- Articulation and Alignment
- Data and Accountability Systems
- Early Outreach Programs
- Equity Issues
- Remediation
- Residency
- Retention
- Student Financial Aid and Other Assistance
- Teacher Quality Initiatives
- Tuition and Fees
SPIDO – Two Ways To Search

- Users can search by state
  - Select **one policy issue** and search for policy information in **one or more states**
- Users can search by issue
  - Select **one state** and search **one or more policy issues**
SPIDO - Output

- List of state policies (by issue or by state)
  - State statute
  - Board rule
- Relevant resources
- Summary paragraphs of selected domains
- Links to the state legislature and state higher education executive office
SPIDO - Output

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

State Policy Issues Database Online

SPIDO

Last updated: 2006 Legislative Session

South Dakota

State GOVERNANCE

South Dakota Statutes • South Dakota Board of Regents Policy Manual

Accelerated Learning Options

There are no policies listed for this state and issue.

Articulation and Alignment

As directed by South Dakota statute, K-12 school districts must provide mailing lists of all students in grades 7-12 to the South Dakota Board of Regents to facilitate the dissemination of pre-college planning information to students. The South Dakota Board of Regents has established dual enrollment policies, and universities offer postsecondary enrollment options to secondary students. Any high school dual credit course offered or accepted by technical institutes must be validated by AP or CLEP exams before being accepted in transfer to a Regents institution. Statewide agreements allow the transfer of up to 64 hours in the General Studies Bachelor's programs. The Associate of Applied Science and the Associate of Science degrees are not considered transfer degrees unless specifically articulated with a bachelor’s degree program. Each student enrolled in an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree program at any South Dakota public institution must take a Proficiency Examination ("nearing junior") after the completion of 32 passed credit hours or prior to graduation to continue registering at the university. (Prepared by Katharine Scannell – Consultant / Reviewed by the South Dakota Board of Regents, FY 2003)

Common Core Courses

South Dakota Board of Regents Level and Numbering of Courses Policy 2.18

Common Course Numbering
SPIDO – Current Activity

- SPIDO is updated and current through the 2006 legislative session
- WICHE began the 2007 updates in October – expected completion by the end of the year
- WICHE began including hyperlinks to all of the policies – expected completion by the end of the year
- WICHE is incorporating a 12th domain – adult learners
- WICHE partnered with SHEEO to update summary paragraphs of two domains – Student Financial Aid and Other Assistance and Tuition and Fees
SPIDO – On the Horizon

- The *Pathways to College Network* has provided WICHE with **$30,000** to complete the 2007 updates
- The *Making Opportunity Affordable Initiative* of Lumina Foundation for Education has committed **$100,000** for SPIDO upgrades and improvements
SPIDO – On the Horizon

- **Database System Upgrade:** SPIDO is currently supported by MS-Access; WICHE will upgrade to a more robust platform.

- **Blogging Capability:** SPIDO will include a blogging feature so users can comment on policies or provide information about what is happening in their states.

- **Link to Policy Publications Clearinghouse:** WICHE also maintains a *Policy Publications Clearinghouse*, an organized list of policy publications from national, regional, and state sources. WICHE will link SPIDO and the Clearinghouse so that documents in the Clearinghouse will show up as additional resources in SPIDO.
SPIDO – On the Horizon

- **Video and Instructional Application of How to Use SPIDO:** This interactive feature will help new users learn how to get the most out of what SPIDO has to offer.

- **Additional Domain Summary Paragraphs:** WICHE will expand the number of domains that have summary paragraphs and update the ones that are currently displayed.

- **Quarterly Digest:** WICHE will email a quarterly digest of SPIDO changes and updates to subscribers.
SPIDO – On the Horizon

Other Ideas?
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