

# School Sentinel

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**2:01:15:01. Minimum standards for school sentinel training.** The school board may submit a person for school sentinel training only if the person meets the following requirements:

- (1) Is a citizen of the United States;
- (2) Is at least 21 years of age at time of appointment;
- (3) Has fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement officer;

(4) Is of good moral character;

(5) Is a graduate of an accredited high school or has a high school equivalency certificate acceptable to the commission;

(6) Is examined by a licensed physician who certifies, on forms prescribed by the commission, that the applicant is able to perform the duties of a school sentinel;

(7) Is interviewed in person by the school board and approved by the school board to apply to the school sentinel basic training course;

(8) Has received written approval to apply to the school sentinel basic training course by all local law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over the school premises in which the individual will act as a school sentinel;

(9) Has not unlawfully used any prescribed drug, controlled substance, or marijuana within one year before the time of application for training; and

(10) Has a valid concealed weapons permit.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:15:02. Submission of school sentinel training application.** To submit an individual for the school sentinel basic training course, the local school board shall complete the school sentinel training application provided by the law enforcement

training office and return the application with two sets of the fingerprint cards required by subdivision 2:01:15:01(3).

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:15:03. Filing of fingerprints.** An applicant's fingerprints taken under subdivision 2:01:15:01(3) may be distributed to local, state, and national fingerprint files to disclose if the applicant has a criminal record.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:15:04. Reapplication for training as a school sentinel.** A school board may resubmit an application for an individual who has failed to successfully complete the school sentinel basic sentinel training course, or has been dismissed from the program under § 2:01:16:09, after one year.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:15:05. Expiration of training.** A school sentinel's training certificate of completion issued under § 2:01:16:01 expires on the last day of the twelfth calendar month following the issuance date on the certificate, unless the school sentinel completes the continuing educational requirements in §§ 2:01:16:10 and 2:01:16:11.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

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**2:01:16:01. Certificate of completion.** Upon successful completion of the basic training course required by this chapter, the law enforcement training office shall issue a certificate indicating that the individual successfully completed the school sentinel basic training course.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:16:02. Approved basic training course.** The basic training course for a school sentinel consists of a curriculum of at least 80 hours of training and includes the following subject areas:

- (1) Firearms proficiency;
- (2) Use of force;
- (3) Legal aspects;
- (4) Weapons retention;
- (5) Weapons storage;
- (6) Identifying protocol for identifying sentinel; and
- (7) First aid.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:16:03. Successful completion of training course.** An applicant, to successfully complete the basic training course, must receive a passing score on all written and skills examinations administered in connection with the course. The executive secretary, at the direction of the commission, shall establish rules of internal management setting forth the passing score for each examination. The executive secretary shall, prior to the commencement of the training course, notify applicants of the level of performance that constitutes a passing score for each examination. An applicant may retake the examination within seven days of failing. An applicant may not take an

examination more than twice. The executive secretary may, for cause, allow an applicant to retake an examination at other times.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:16:04. Minimum class size.** Unless otherwise waived by the commission, upon good cause as shown by a school board, the school sentinel basic training course must consist of at least five individuals.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:16:05. Time course is conducted.** The school sentinel basic training course shall commence at the time the executive secretary deems appropriate.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:16:06. Place of training.** Unless otherwise stated by the executive secretary, the school sentinel basic training course is conducted at the criminal justice training center in Pierre, South Dakota.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:16:07. Basic training course fees.** The commission may establish reasonable and necessary fees for the school sentinel basic training course. The fees are to provide money to meet budgetary needs related to the school sentinel basic training course for such things as salaries and benefits, supplies and testing.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:16:08. Discipline during basic training course.** The executive secretary may enforce restrictions and rules of internal management as are necessary to maintain the orderly instruction of individuals and efficient operation of the school sentinel basic training course. Individuals must comply with such restrictions and rules as set forth by the executive secretary in the basic training course student handbook, or such other specific directives as the executive secretary may issue.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:16:09. Dismissal.** The executive secretary may dismiss, from the school sentinel basic training course, any person who violates any restrictions or rule established by the executive secretary to administer or maintain order during the basic training course.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:16:10. Basic requirement for continuing education of school sentinel.** To maintain training as a school sentinel beyond twelve months from the date on the certificate, a school sentinel must complete 8 hours of annual training in the following areas:

(1) Annual firearms requalification as provided in § 2:01:16:11; and

(2) Continuing education to include completion of courses sponsored by law enforcement training or courses approved and documented by the school sentinel's school board in subject areas listed in § 2:01:16:02.

The training hours are calculated annually. A written report containing the name of school sentinel, signed by the school board chair or designee, certifying that the school sentinel has successfully completed the continuing educational requirements and firearms requalification, shall be submitted by the local school board to the executive secretary no later than January 25<sup>th</sup> of each year following the original certification date. The local school board shall maintain training records and make them available for inspection by the commission, through the office of law enforcement training.

**General Authority: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**Law Implemented: SDCL 23-3-35(16).**

**2:01:16:11. Firearm requalification.** Each school sentinel shall requalify with the school sentinel's duty handgun each calendar year by completing a certified shooting course that is administered by a firearms instructor who has been approved by the



commission or the executive secretary in accordance with § 2:01:06:17.05. A certified shooting course is a course approved by the commission. A school sentinel may not qualify or requalify on a noncertified course. A school sentinel must obtain a passing score of at least 75 percent.

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