***First* Screening by the School**	***Second* Screening by the SWO TED**	***Final* Screening by the Board of Regents**
Verified required documents YES NO	*Verified required documents YES NO*	*Verified required documents YES NO*
Verified by: _____	*Verified by:* _____	*Approved by:* _____
Verified Date: _____	*Approval Date:* _____	*Approval Date:* _____

SISSETON-WAHPETON TRIBAL

EDUCATOR APPLICATION

P.O. Box 509
Agency Village, SD 57262
Phone number: 605-698-8298

To be an Educator on the Lake Traverse Reservation you must adhere to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Chapter 66 Education Code 2013.

> **"All educators that are employed by the Tribal Educational institutions on the Lake Traverse Reservation shall possess Tribal Certification. Tribal Certification includes, but is not limited to: Proficiency or 3 credit hours of Dakota Language and 3 credit hours of Dakota culture/history (or other pertinent Dakota course) within of two years of the date of employment (66-08-04).**
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> **Tribal Educators applying for certification must complete the Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal Educator Application, pay applicable fees and meet all background and language/culture requirements. Tribal educators who meet all requirements will be certified by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate."**

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Council and Schools have approved the Accreditation requirements as defined in the Accreditation of Tribal Elementary and Secondary Schools by the Commission for Oceti Sakowin Accreditation (COSA).

The specific requirements are:

> ***Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Chapter 66 Education Code (Council Approved: May 3, 2013)*** *"Educators" means the professional staff of educational institutions such as professionals, para-professionals, administrators, and counselors.*
>
> ***Accreditation of Tribal Elementary and Secondary Schools by the Commission for Oceti Sakowin Accreditation (COSA) Accreditation Standard 2.7*** *- All teaching employees have a credential or certification from a state, meet regional accrediting standards, meet national or federal standards or regulations, or, in specialty areas such as art or tribal languages, have a portfolio of educational, personal, or professional evidence that reveals they are fully qualified to perform the duties assigned to them.*

Applicant Name_____ Date _____

Street Address_____ Phone (Cell)_____ Phone (Home)_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____ Email_____

If Claiming Indian Preference, please provide your Tribal Enrollment Information:

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Check certification applying for:	Fee:	Required Documentation:
☐ 2 Year Temporary	$20.00	Current License/Certification or Portfolio
☐ 5 Year Early Childhood	$20.00	Current License/Transcripts or Portfolio
☐ 5 Year Professional	$50.00	Current License/Certification or Portfolio
☐ 5 Year Paraprofessional	$20.00	Transcripts or Official Parapro Scores

Check category that applies:

☐ Elementary
☐ English/Language Arts
☐ Mathematics
☐ Science
☐ Special Education
☐ Social Studies
☐ Art
☐ CTE
☐ Computers
☐ Dakotah Language
☐ Intervention
☐ PE

Have you ever had a certificate or license suspended or revoked? (check one) ☐ YES ☐ NO

*If **YES**, attach an explanation.*

Tribal Educators applying for certification must submit <u>all required documentation</u>.

- Demonstrated Dakotah Language Proficiency (check one) ☐ YES ☐ NO ****Must be verified by DLI****

If **NO**, have you completed a Dakotah Language course (check one) ☐ YES ☐ NO

- ✓ If **YES**, you must provide the Course Title and attach an unofficial transcript or CEU certificate showing 45 clock hours: _____

- Have you completed a Dakota Culture/History course (check one) ☐ YES ☐ NO

  If **YES**, you must provide the Course Title and attach an unofficial transcript or CEU certificate showing 15 hours: _____

Renewal of Tribal Certification: Original Certification #_____

☐ Renewal: 7-year Professional	$50.00	Current credits for renewal, Current License/Certification
☐ Renewal 7-Year Early Childhood	$20.00	Current credits for renewal, Current License/Certification
☐ Renewal 10-Year Paraprofessional	$20.00	Current credits for renewal, Current License/Certification

I understand it is mandatory to provide proof of: proficiency or three (3) credit hours or verified equivalent hours of Dakotah Language **<u>AND</u>** one (1) credit hour or verified equivalent hours of Dakota Culture/History within two years of the date of employment. One-time extension of 2-yrs may be granted with approval by SWO Board of Regents. Renewal will only be granted at 5-year professional, 5-year Early Childhood, and 5-paraprofessional levels which will include a 1 Dakotah Language credit and 1 Dakotah cultural/history/art credit as well as 2 credits in the content area of teaching.

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Signature of Applicant Date