

## Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in science education in South Dakota. The annual membership starts the first of February. Dues are due annually at each conference for member discount rates.

## Newsletter

The SDSTA Newsletter is published four times a year. This information keeps members informed on work-shops, projects offered across the state, and other relevant news. Junior High science fair winners of SDSTA's award will have their abstracts published.

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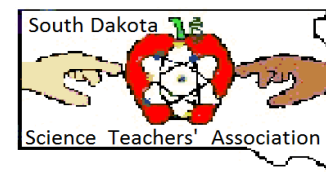
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## ► Purpose

The South Dakota Science Teachers' Association (**SDSTA**) is South Dakota's only comprehensive educational organization dedicated to excellence in science education and to communication among members of the science teaching profession. The purpose of **SDSTA** is to provide leadership and service for science education in the state of South Dakota. Membership is open to all. The current membership includes professional scientists, teachers, student teachers, representatives of business and industry and others interested in science education.

## ► Goals

The goals of **SDSTA** are to facilitate the implementation of science in all grades, preschool through university; to provide staff development for science educators; to enhance cooperative relationships & partnerships between science education, business, and industry; and to increase the membership services of the organization. The **SDSTA** serves as a resource for the networking of educational goals and curricula at the district, state and national levels.

## ► Governance

The projects and business affairs of **SDSTA**, a non-profit organization, are coordinated at the state level by a Board of Directors, which is chaired by the **SDSTA** President and consists of state wide elected officers. The goals and projects of **SDSTA** are implemented by the Board and discussed by its members at annual conferences.

## ► Professional Development Opportunities

**SDSTA** promotes excellence in science teaching with opportunities for professional development throughout the year. The SD STEM Ed Conference held February each year features staff development opportunities for all teachers. As an affiliate of NSTA, the **SDSTA** encourages its members to actively participate in the national science teaching organizations.

## ► Awards & Recognition

**SDSTA** recognizes excellence in science teaching through recognition programs for experienced teachers: OBTA (Biology), OPSTA (Physical Science), and PAEMST (Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching). A **new teacher** scholarship was created to assist teachers to attend our conference.

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Junior High, Middle School, High School Teachers,  
Post-Secondary Teachers or Others . . . . \$20

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