How Does *SOUTH DAKOTA* Compare to the Top State and the National Average?

**In South Dakota, for every 100 ninth grade students, 78 graduate four years later.**

**Of the 78 high school graduates, 44 immediately enter college.**

**Of the 44 students who enter college, 30 are still enrolled in sophomore year.**

**Twenty-one (21) go on to graduate within 150% time, with either an associate's degree within three years or a bachelor's degree within six years.**

Note: “Top State” is the best performing of the 50 states.

Data are from 2002. For more detailed source information, see our web site at http://www.highereducation.org/reports/pipeline/ For 50-state comparison charts, see pages 2-3 in *The Educational Pipeline Policy Alert*, April 2004.

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