

SAFE-T Evaluator and Trainer Certification

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SAFE-T is the acronym for the Summative ADEPT Formal Evaluation of Classroom-Based Teachers.	<p style="text-align: center;">SAFE-T Evaluator Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>In order to qualify for SAFE-T evaluator training, an educator must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ hold a valid South Carolina professional teaching certificate and ▪ be recommended for SAFE-T evaluator training by a district or school administrator. 	<p style="text-align: center;">SAFE-T Trainer Eligibility Criteria</p> <p>In order to qualify for SAFE-T trainer training, an educator must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ hold a valid South Carolina professional teaching certificate, ▪ be a certified SAFE-T evaluator in good standing, and ▪ be recommended for SAFE-T trainer training by a district administrator.
SAFE-T is the state's current ADEPT formal evaluation model, replacing the original ADEPT formal evaluation models (e.g., TEAM, STEP, FEAT, etc.) for classroom-based teachers.	<p style="text-align: center;">SAFE-T Evaluator Training</p> <p>In order to become certified as an evaluator, an eligible educator must successfully complete a SAFE-T New Evaluator Training (SAFE-T NET) session that is approved by the SCDE, sponsored by a school district or other SCDE-approved affiliate, and conducted by a certified SAFE-T trainer. The <i>minimum</i> length of SAFE-T NET is three days or the equivalent (i.e., 21 hours).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SAFE-T Trainer Certification Process</p> <p>In order to become certified as a SAFE-T trainer, an eligible educator must successfully complete a SAFE-T NET trainer training session that is conducted by the SCDE.</p>
SAFE-T was implemented statewide during the 2010-11 school year.	<p style="text-align: center;">SAFE-T Evaluator Certification Requirements</p> <p>In order to qualify for SAFE-T evaluator certification, the educator must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ attend the entirety of the SAFE-T NET sessions, ▪ participate in and contribute to all session activities, ▪ successfully complete all assignments, and ▪ receive a passing score on the SAFE-T examination. 	<p style="text-align: center;">SAFE-T NET Trainer Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAFE-T NET trainer training is conducted <i>only</i> by the SCDE. ▪ The <i>minimum</i> length of SAFE-T NET trainer training is one day. ▪ In order to qualify for SAFE-T trainer certification, the educator must <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ attend the SAFE-T NET trainer session in its entirety, ▫ participate in and contribute to all session activities, ▫ successfully complete all assignments, and ▫ be recommended for SAFE-T trainer certification by the SCDE.
SAFE-T applies <i>only</i> to classroom-based teachers (i.e., teachers of core content subjects; teachers of related subjects such as physical education, career and technology education, and the like; and teachers of special education).	<p style="text-align: center;">Maintaining SAFE-T Evaluator Certification</p> <p>In order to maintain SAFE-T evaluator certification, the educator must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ continue to hold a valid South Carolina professional teaching certificate, ▪ remain as an evaluator in good standing, and ▪ successfully complete all SAFE-T evaluator update requirements on an ongoing basis. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Maintaining SAFE-T Trainer Certification</p> <p>In order to maintain SAFE-T trainer certification, the educator must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ continue to hold a valid South Carolina professional teaching certificate, ▪ remain as a SAFE-T evaluator and trainer in good standing, and ▪ successfully complete all SAFE-T evaluator and trainer update requirements on an ongoing basis.
SAFE-T is <i>not</i> appropriate for the evaluation of special area educators: school guidance counselors, library media specialists, and speech-language therapists. The 2003 special area standards and evaluation models continue to apply to these groups of educators.		
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<p>Currently, there are two categories of SAFE-T certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SAFE-T Evaluator Certification. Certified SAFE-T evaluators are eligible to serve on evaluation teams for classroom-based teachers who are employed at the annual- or continuing-contract level and who are scheduled to undergo SAFE-T. ▪ SAFE-T Trainer Certification. Certified SAFE-T trainers are eligible to conduct SAFE-T evaluator training sessions (i.e., training sessions that are designed to prepare qualified educators to become SAFE-T evaluators) that are approved by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) and sponsored by school districts or other SCDE-approved affiliates. 		