

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Principals

FROM: Kristi D. Austin, PhD.
Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

DATE: August 26, 2026

RE: 2026-2027 Secondary Science Regional Professional Development

The Science Team is excited to announce a regional series for secondary science teachers across the state! These regionals will focus on how to leverage the Disciplinary Core Idea Aligned Instructional Focus Statements found in the Vertical Articulations and the Performance Targets to better understand the breadth and depth of the Science Standards. These documents are found on the [Science Instructional Resources webpage](#).

Each location will host two sessions, a Middle School Science focused session and a High School Science focused session. Registration for each session will close one week prior to the session date. Participants can earn up to 3 hours of SCDE Activity Renewal Credit for one session. Participants will need access to their Science Instructional Materials and at least one full instructional unit plan.

Please see the table on the next page for location, timing, and registration details.

Location	Date and Registration Link	Middle School Session	High School Session
SCDE Agency Headquarters 849 Learning Ln., West Columbia, SC 29172	September 17, 2026 Midlands Registration	8:30 am – 11:30 am	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Poynor School of Healthcare Innovation 301 S. Dargan St., Florence, SC 29506	November 12, 2026 Pee Dee Registration	8:30 am – 11:30 am	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Marcia O'Brien Conference Center 200 Stadium Cir., Summerville, SC 29483	January 29, 2027 Lowcountry Registration	8:30 am – 11:30 am	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Tri-County Technical College – Anderson Campus 511 Michelin Blvd., Anderson, SC 29625	March 15, 2027 Upstate Registration	8:30 am – 11:30 am	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

For more information about this free professional learning opportunity, please contact C. Lark Widener at clwidener@ed.sc.gov.