

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Principals  
District Instructional Leaders

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

**DATE:** March 3, 2026

**RE:** 2026 National Youth Science Camp

The National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is now accepting applications from interested high school juniors or seniors for the 2026 in-person camp in the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia. The NYSC is designed to honor and challenge future leaders through engagement with STEAM professionals and exciting outdoor activities. Two students from South Carolina will be selected to attend. You can find more information about the camp at the [National Youth Science Academy website](#).

To assist instructional leaders in identifying potential candidates to encourage, the eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Graduates from high school between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2027.
- Documented superior academic proficiency, including recognition in STEAM.
- Recognition for notable achievements in STEAM program areas.
- Skills and achievements outside of STEAM and academia.
- Must demonstrate curiosity and eagerness to explore new topics.
- Must intend to pursue higher education and a career in a STEAM-related field.
- Must be willing and able to participate daily for the entire duration of the NYSC program.

Please complete the NYSC [nomination form](#) by March 15, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Brent White at [bcwhite@ed.sc.gov](mailto:bcwhite@ed.sc.gov).