



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Dropout Coordinators
District Student Services Directors
District Attendance Supervisors
District Special Education Directors
Principals

FROM: Aveene Coleman
Interim Director, Office of Student Intervention Services

DATE: August 15, 2023

RE: Blended Diploma Planning Institutes

The South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Student Intervention Services will offer four regional Blended Diploma Planning Institutes in partnership with the National Dropout Prevention Center for school level graduation teams. The Blended Diploma Planning Institute is a two-and-a-half-day working event that guides school level teams to build school-specific, research-based, and foundational dropout prevention plans that have a high probability of improving performance and graduation rates of at-risk students.

School teams will work directly with national field experts to utilize local data and local knowledge of their students to design customized plans for their schools. By developing and implementing a strategic, systemic plan to improve outcomes for at-risk students, schools can develop a comprehensive plan for dropout prevention and improve graduation rates.

Please note that space is limited. Each session will accommodate twenty school teams. Each school can have one team consisting of five members. To participate, please click the link below to register for both the virtual and in-person sessions.

Note: Please be prepared to upload additional documents requested.

Dates and Times	Blended Diploma Planning Institute Registration	Registration Deadline
Virtual Session: August 29, 2023 8:30 am - 12:30 pm In-person Sessions: August 30-31, 2023 8:30 am–3:30 pm	<u>Cohort 1: Diploma Planning Institute-Upstate</u> Location: Greenville Technical College Northwest Campus 8109 White Horse Road, Greenville, SC 29606	August 25, 2023
Virtual Session: September 11, 2023 8:30 am - 12:30 pm In-person Sessions: September 12–13, 2023 8:30 am–3:30 pm	<u>Cohort 2: Diploma Planning Institute-Midlands</u> Location: Lexington 2 Innovative Center 509 Bulldog Blvd, Cayce, SC 29033	September 7, 2023
Virtual Session: September 13, 2023 8:30 am –12:30 pm In-person Sessions: September 14– 15, 2023 8:30 am–3:30 pm	<u>Cohort 3: Diploma Planning Institute-Midlands</u> Location: Olympia Professional Development Center 621 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29201	September 8, 2023
Virtual Session: September 19, 2023 9:30 am –12:30 pm In-person Sessions: September 20–21, 2023 8:30 am–3:30 pm	<u>Cohort 4: Diploma Planning Institute-Lowcountry</u> Location: Cypress Hall 8888 University Boulevard North Charleston, SC 29406	September 14, 2023

If you have any questions, please contact Aveene Coleman at acoleman@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-3057.