



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Principals

FROM: Lilla Toal Mandsager
Director, Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development

DATE: November 28, 2023

RE: Maxwell Leadership Foundation iLead Student Curriculum

The South Carolina Department of Education is partnering with the Maxwell Leadership Foundation to provide the iLead Student Curriculum to upper elementary, middle, and high schools for implementation in Fall 2023. Interested schools or districts should send at least one representative to a virtual information session to learn more about registration and training:

- Information Session, [December 13, 2023, 10:00am Registration](#)

Interested schools will complete the [intake survey](#) prior to December 15th, 2023.

The [iLead](#) curriculum is made up of values-based Transformation Tables designed by Dr. John C. Maxwell to develop students' values and leadership skills. The format allows students to get experience leading as they take turns facilitating the roundtables. Each lesson contains a short teaching on a value or leadership characteristic, asks students to rate how well they practice this characteristic, and asks them to commit to one action step for the week that will allow them to improve their score in this area. Participating schools report that students' confidence as facilitators, relationships with peers, and awareness of values increased.

Please share the information below with interested principals, school counselors, and teachers. Contact Sarah Gams, ssgams@ed.sc.gov, with questions.

Maxwell Leadership Foundation iLead Student Curriculum

Why: Grow your students' leadership, values, and connections with each other through an 8-week, student-facilitated curriculum.

What: Schools that implement the iLead curriculum will commit to a minimum of 8 sessions of 45-60 minutes within a semester. We have limited copies of Unit 1 student consumable workbooks. Printed workbooks will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Digital booklets are also available.

How: The South Carolina Department of Education will provide an opportunity for schools to register to receive a 90-minute virtual training on implementation and digital or physical copies of the curriculum.

When: Participating schools commit to implementing the first 8 weeks of the curriculum in Spring, 2024.

Next Steps: Register for an information session to learn more and receive the link to complete the intake survey. Interested schools will complete the [intake survey](#) prior to December 15th, 2023.

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