



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Accountability Coordinators
District Technology Coordinators
PowerSchool Coordinators
School Counseling Personnel Contacts

FROM: Matthew Ferguson
Deputy Superintendent,
Division of College, Career, and Military Readiness

DATE: April 2, 2024

RE: Mesa Cloud Early Adoption Initiative

The South Carolina Department of Education is pleased to announce the launch of the Mesa Cloud, a service aimed at supporting School Counselors, Administrators, students, and parents in monitoring progress toward graduation, validating the Uniform Grading Policy, and displaying eligibility for CTE Pathways and Seals of Distinction.

Mesa Cloud will collect data, including information from the Student Information System (SIS), assessment data, Individual Education Plan data, and Gifted and Talented data, through an Ed-Fi technology stack. This data will be utilized to enhance educational outcomes across our districts.

To ensure a smooth deployment, districts interested in participating in the early adopter phase are required to take the following steps:

1. Appoint a project contact and provide a Letter of Delegated Authority (attached) granting permission for the designated contact to act on behalf of the district.
2. Provide an inventory of the business rules and policies for validation.
3. Attend an in-person session outlining the process and impact of software deployment.

We understand the importance of aligning Mesa Cloud with district-specific requirements and processes. Therefore, a configuration file will be developed for each district, ensuring alignment with state course codes and settings, documenting course progressions, and coding district rules for grade-level progression.

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To express your district's interest in participating in the early adopter phase, please complete the attached Letter of Delegated Authority and return it to Anna Duvall at aduvall@ed.sc.gov. Upon receipt, additional information will be provided regarding the inventory of business rules and policies to validate, as well as details about the in-person deployment session.

Your participation in this initiative will contribute significantly to enhancing educational support systems within our districts.

Letter of Delegated Authority

School District

Issue Date: _____

DELEGATION TO _____ (hereafter referred to as Superintendent's Proxy)

I. Purpose

This is a delegation to the Superintendent's Proxy to fulfill responsibilities related to the Mesa Cloud Service from an Ed-Fi technology stack provided for the school district.

II. Delegation

Subject to my oversight, direction, and guidance, I delegate to the Superintendent's Proxy the authority to develop and oversee the implementation of policies within the project and, except as otherwise provided by law, carry out the functions of the agency regarding compliance with:

- a. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99)

III. Authorization

The scope of this authorization is limited to the following:

- a. Allow Mesa Cloud access to district-level Ed-Fi data system.
- b. Oversee and participate in data governance decisions related to the system's configuration.
- c. Act as the data destruction point of contact at the project's close.

Proxy phone number: _____

Proxy email address: _____

School District: _____

Superintendent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return the signed Letter of Delegated Authority to Anna Duvall at aduvall@ed.sc.gov