

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
District Science Coordinators

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

DATE: January 27, 2026

RE: South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021 Survey

The Office of Assessment and Standards Science Team is seeking stakeholder input regarding experience with the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021. This survey will help the Science Team understand how the standards are working in practice.

The survey focuses on:

- clarity and usability of the Science Standards,
- vertical coherence across grade levels and courses,
- instructional time and feasibility, and
- types of support that enhance implementation.

Your responses will provide authentic data from the field and ensure that decisions reflect the needs of educators and students across South Carolina.

Please complete the [Science Standards Survey](#) by March 15, 2026.

Thank you for sharing your expertise and helping strengthen science education in South Carolina!

For questions or clarification, please contact C. Lark Widener at clwidener@ed.sc.gov.