



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District HR Directors
District Instructional Leaders
District Information Technology (IT) Leaders
District Information Security/Privacy Leaders

FROM: Valarie Byrd
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DATE: November 2, 2021

RE: South Carolina School District Technology Plans

Although formal technology plans are no longer required for the E-Rate program, South Carolina law requires that:

- Districts must have a technology plan;
- The plan must address technology competency standards for certified staff;
- Districts must require certified staff to demonstrate technology proficiency as part of each person's professional growth and development plan; and
- Those standards and plans must, at a minimum, align to the ISTE teacher standards.

See S.C. Code Ann. § 59-26-30(A)(5); S.C. Reg. § 43-205.1.V.C; Proviso 1A.20 (2021-22).

For this school year, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has prepared a short-form [technology plan](#) for district use. It asks for a summary of districts' 2022-24 plans related to the key elements of the state-level plan and the certified staff technology proficiency requirement. Districts have the option to use a different format for filing their technology plan so long as it meets the legal requirements. In 2023 and 2024 the SCDE intends to ask whether plan updates are needed, and the SCDE has a project underway that in the future would consolidate technology plans with other required plans to streamline reporting and implementation. The SCDE requests that all plans be submitted by **Friday, December 10, 2021**.

If you have any questions, contact Valarie Byrd at vbbyrd@ed.sc.gov.