



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Elementary School Health and Physical Education Coordinators

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

DATE: April 9, 2024

RE: Student Health and Fitness Act Annual Compliance Surveys

The Students Health and Fitness Act (SHFA) (S.C. Code § 59-10-10, et seq.) requires each South Carolina school district to report the number of minutes of daily physical education instruction and the number of minutes of daily physical activity per week. Reports must be listed by school, by individual class, and by grade level. Information is compiled in a summary to be presented to the General Assembly by December first of each year.

Each school's physical activity director shall gather the required information from homeroom teachers and report it in the survey. A separate form must be submitted for each school. The form contains an option to enter the number of minutes of dance instruction received by a certified dance education specialist. A value should only be entered if dance instruction is given to all students in a class and is based on the South Carolina Dance Standards and dance components of the South Carolina Physical Education Standards. Dance instruction can account for no more than 25 percent of the total physical education minutes received if all students in a given class participate in the dance instruction.

All data will be entered directly into the online form. Enter your survey data using the linked [survey form](#) no later than **5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2024**.

Please contact Ben Miedema at bjmiedema@ed.sc.gov with any questions.