



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Accountability Coordinators
High School Principals
High School Counselors
Registrars of South Carolina Public Colleges and Universities

FROM: Daniel Ralyea
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DATE: January 9, 2024

RE: Suspension of College Freshman Report for 2024, Proviso 1.101

Proviso 1.101 of South Carolina's 2023-2024 Appropriation Act suspends the reporting requirements for the College Freshman Report. (The proviso appears at the end of this memo.)

What does this mean for public high schools and institutions of higher education?

Public Institutions of Higher Education: College Registrars do not need to prepare and share with public high schools a report of first semester grades for each high school's 2023 graduates.

Public High Schools: High schools will not need to provide any information about the first-semester status of their 2023 graduates to the South Carolina Department of Education.

South Carolina Department of Education and Education Oversight Committee: Agency staff will use the information from the National Student Clearinghouse to prepare a report on the numbers of 2023 public high school graduates attending higher education institutions.

1.101. (SDE: Reporting Requirements) For the current fiscal year, the college freshman reporting requirements of Section 59-101-130 are suspended. The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Education Oversight Committee, is authorized to use data that is already collected to report on the in-state and out-of-state college enrollment, college persistence, and post-secondary completion of South Carolinas high school graduates.

Comments and questions about this change may be directed to CFR@ed.sc.gov.

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