



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Instructional Leaders

FROM: Julie G. Fowler, Ph.D.
Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness

DATE: April 21, 2017

RE: Uniform Grading Policy and Honors Framework Implementation Guide

On April 11, 2017, the State Board of Education approved the revisions to the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy (UGP). Beginning in 2017–18, the new version of the UGP will be implemented.

The South Carolina School Boards Association will be developing model policy to guide districts through the process of updating policy to reflect district practice. The Office of Federal and State Accountability will be providing guidance about the required procedures for course approval under the new policy. Please direct all questions to Darlene Prevatt at dprevatt@ed.sc.gov and Roy Stehle at rstehle@ed.sc.gov.

Beginning in 2017–18, all new courses that are assigned honors weighting must meet the criteria in the *SC Honors Framework*. A webinar will be recorded to assist districts with understanding and implementing the *SC Honors Framework*. The South Carolina Department of Education has recorded a webinar highlighting changes in the UGP that can be used for training with secondary principals and school counselors <https://youtu.be/Pd9mHY5t3vQ>. Additional training for school counselors and career development facilitators will be provided through the Office of Student Intervention Services. Please direct all school counseling questions to Dr. Sabrina Moore at smoore@ed.sc.gov and Dr. Edward Johnson at ejohnson@ed.sc.gov.