

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Principals

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

DATE: August 11, 2026

RE: Webinar to Support the Disciplinary Core Idea Aligned Instructional Focus Statements

The Office of Assessment and Standards Science Team is excited to announce the addition of the Disciplinary Core Idea Aligned Instructional Focus Statements to the Vertical Articulations and the Performance Targets. These resources can be found on the [Science Instructional Resources Webpage](#).

The Science Team will be hosting a webinar for science teachers, science teacher leaders, and administrators responsible for science instruction in their buildings and/or districts to promote the implementation of this resource. The focus of this webinar will be on using and interpreting these new content clarifications and an introduction to the new resource.

The same webinar will be offered twice. Registrants who attend a live session can earn 1.5 hours of SCDE Activity Renewal Credit. Please only register for one of the webinar times.

- September 1, 2026, from 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 - [September 1 Registration](#)
- September 2, 2026, from 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
 - [September 2 Registration](#)

The webinar will be recorded and posted to the Science Professional Learning Library Recordings on the [Science Professional Learning Opportunities Webpage](#).

For more information about this free professional learning opportunity, please contact C. Lark Widener at clwidener@ed.sc.gov.