



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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INSTRUCTION

Home Instruction Report

AUDIENCE: District Finance Officers, District Technology Directors, District PowerSchool Coordinators

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Pursuant to the provisions under Section 59-65-40 of the SC Code of Laws, any pupil who was approved and received Home Instruction between the 1st and 135th day of school must be included in this report. Report only those students that are supervised by your district. Students whose instruction is conducted under the sponsorship of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools are not eligible for funding.

Please report the number of homeschooled pupils in your district using the attached form. The form is a one-page consolidated district report and should not be reported individually by school. The number (head count) of home instructed pupils in your district should be reported after the 135th day of school and sent to the Office of Finance no later than **May 9, 2022**.

[Home Instruction Report - Memo](#) PDF (134 KB)

[Home Instruction Report Form - Attachment](#) PDF (140 KB)

MENTAL HEALTH

Improving Mental Health Services in Schools: Part 2

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, Professional Development Coordinators, School Counseling Personnel Coordinators

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In response to high participation and positive feedback, the Office of Student Intervention Services will host Improving Mental Health Services in Schools, Part 2. During this panel

discussion, especially designed for district and school administrators, mental health clinicians, counselors, and other staff responsible for addressing the mental and behavioral health needs of students, panelists will share practical strategies for enhancing existing mental health services in schools.

[Improving Mental Health Services in Schools: Part 2 - Memo](#) PDF (66 KB)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment on 2022 Addendum to the ESSA Plan Due to COVID-19 Deadline: May 20, 2022

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Federal Program Directors, Report Card/Accountability Coordinators

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The United States Department of Education (USED) developed a template for seeking changes to states' consolidated plans under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act. Because of the pandemic, the USED has approved a streamlined process for amendments or addenda to the plans that apply to the 2021-22 school year. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has drafted an application for these amendments, and seeks public input prior to filing with the USED.

There are limited items that may be amended through this streamlined process. Broader reaching changes to the accountability system require a more formal amendment. Due to changes in assessments and accountability indicators, the SCDE anticipates another, broader amendment in the near future. We also welcome your comments on proposed changes as we engage in that amendment.

[Public Comment on 2022 Addendum to the ESSA Plan Due to COVID-19 Deadline: May 20, 2022 - Memo](#) PDF (82 KB)

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