



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

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COVID-19 CASES

COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff and Students

DHEC began reporting positive COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools on September 4, 2020. Since that time, there have been **16,229** [positive cases among K-12 students and staff](#) who attended school face to face during their infectious period. During that same time period (9/4/2020 to 4/4/2021) DHEC has reported **429,577** [positive cases among all South Carolinians](#).

This means that positive cases among K-12 students and staff who attended school account for **3.8%** of South Carolina's total since K-12 positive case reporting began. Public and private K-12 students and staff make up approximately one fifth of South Carolina's total population.

[COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff & Students](#) (as of 3/31/2021)

[Recent Disease Activity, by County Report](#) (as of 3/31/2021)

COVID-19 VACCINE

Educator and Support Staff Vaccine Participation Survey

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) strives to keep policy makers, DHEC, and vaccine providers informed of the progress of COVID-19 vaccinations among educators and support staff. We ask that one person in each district complete this survey no later than **Friday, April 9, 2021**. This information will be collected separately for charter schools in the South Carolina Public Charter School District and the Charter Institute at Erskine.

We realize districts may not have precise figures on vaccinations among staff given the availability of vaccines at non-school based vaccination sites and retail pharmacies but ask you answer the questions in the survey linked below to the best of your knowledge.

DATA

135-day Data Verification

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

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The 135-day membership collection will open on **April 12, 2021**, and close **April 30, 2021**. The links provided below will update twice daily. You can submit revised extracts during the collection period and retrieve corrected reports.

[Student Data Membership Counts](#)

[Student Data Accountability Counts](#)

[135-day Data Verification - Memo](#) PDF (192 KB)

EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Educator Effectiveness Professional Learning Opportunities 2021-22

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Human Resource Directors

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South Carolina's educator evaluation systems are aligned with student-centered teaching and learning that supports the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*. Ongoing training for evaluators and district leaders is critical in ensuring the South Carolina Principal Standards, the South Carolina Teaching Standards (SCTS), and the 2020 Special Areas Evaluation Standards are implemented in ways that support educator growth and improved instruction in every school.

The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development offers a variety of professional learning opportunities to support districts and schools. To ensure districts are ready for full implementation of the new special areas evaluations, the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development will provide Special Areas train-the-trainer sessions and online Special Areas Evaluator training via Moodle. Those seeking Evaluator or Trainer credentials in SCTS or Special Areas, will need district approval to register.

[Educator Effectiveness Professional Learning Opportunities 2021-22 - Memo](#) PDF (224 KB)

Principal Induction Program (PIP) Registration 2021-22

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Human Resource Directors

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The South Carolina Principal Induction Program (PIP) is now accepting enrollment of all first time principals for the 2021–22 school year. Satisfactory completion of PIP is required for all first time principals per S.C. Code Ann. § 59-5-60 and 59-24-80. State Board of Education Regulation 43-165.1 defines a principal as, “the chief administrative head or director of an elementary, middle, or secondary school or of a vocational, technical, special education, or alternative school.” Induction principals are those serving for the first time as building-level principals. These principals are considered probationary until they have completed the requirements of PIP, and have received an overall rating of Proficient or Exemplary on the Program for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Principal Performance (PADEPP) evaluation instrument in the second year of employment as a principal. The successful completion of PIP is the first step for a principal to move from Tier One to Tier Two of their principal certification.

The application link is <https://scde.formstack.com/forms/pip2021>. The application includes planned dates for a two-day face-to-face orientation session in July.

[Principal Induction Program \(PIP\) Registration 2021-22 - Memo](#) PDF (138 KB)

School Leadership Executive Institute 2021-22

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Human Resource Directors, Principals

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The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development is pleased to announce fall 2021 dates for the School Leadership Executive Institute for veteran principals. Our mission is to support the growth of highly-effective educators who will then be better prepared to support all students to reach the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*. Participants in all cohorts learn about leadership in three focus areas: personalization, collective leadership, and equitable access to effective instruction. The School Leadership Executive Institute is facilitated through a special partnership between the South Carolina Department of Education and the Truist Leadership Institute. Each cohort is limited based on space; previous cohorts have filled quickly. Interested participants should register at the appropriate links below. Please share with appropriate staff.

[School Leadership Executive Institute 2021-22 - Memo](#) PDF (180 KB)

FINANCE

Home Instruction Report

AUDIENCE: School Business Officials, 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 **April 30, 2021**.

[Home Instruction Report - Memo](#) PDF (136 KB)

[Home Instruction Report Form - Attachment](#) PDF (80 KB)

MILITARY HONOR CORDS

Military Honor Cords and Recognition Ceremony

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, Public Information Officers, School Counselors

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The red, white, and blue honor cords should be distributed, to the extent possible, to those high school seniors who have chosen to serve our country by enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces or attending one of our distinguished military service academies. We know that school and district leaders are exploring innovative graduation ceremonies in light of COVID-19 and we hope you will consider the inclusion of these cords and the recognition of these military bound students in those ceremonies.

As part of our annual statewide recognition, we are asking for students to submit names, photos, and enlisted branch of service through this form, <https://bit.ly/3dhZDwo>, as part of an online recognition ceremony that will be aired on May 27, 2021. We ask that each student submit this information by **May 10, 2021**, and hope that you can help us make students and parents aware of this opportunity.

[Military Honor Cords and Recognition Ceremony - Memo](#) PDF (135 KB)

