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ASSESSMENT AND STANDARDS

2023 State Assessment Result Release Schedule

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Test Coordinators, Public Information Officers, Principals

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The chart linked below outlines district and public release dates for statewide assessments administered in the 2022–23 school year. Please note that AP, SAT, and ACT report release dates are set by the testing vendors.

On the date of each assessment's district release, you will receive embargoed links to the assessment data. Please feel free to share summary data with district and school staff members who understand that this is not to be shared publicly until after the official statewide release. The embargo extends to local school board meetings because data presented to a local board becomes public information under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. Please ensure that staff members understand that embargoed information cannot be shared with members of the news media or on social media.

[2023 State Assessment Result Release Schedule - Memo](#) PDF (140 KB)

Fall 2023 Science Regional Series

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, District Instructional Leaders

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The Office of Assessment and Standards Science Team is excited to announce locations and dates for the Fall 2023 Science Regional Series. This free, face-to-face professional learning opportunity will be centered around curriculum adaptation for the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021 (Science Standards). Participants from across the state will have the opportunity to collaborate and work towards adapting their district instructional materials to best fit the needs of their population of learners. Certificates of completion for 18 SCDE Renewal Activity Hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

EARLY LEARNING AND LITERACY

2023-24 Reading Coach Training Opportunities (Year One, Year Two, and Beyond)

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Read to Succeed Liaisons, School Administrators
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The Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) supports South Carolina's districts and schools by providing Read to Succeed (R2S) Reading Coaches with two years of professional learning. In order to receive the R2S Literacy Coach Endorsement, coaches must complete two courses: Principles of Coaching and Action Research. During their first year, coaches must take and complete the Principles of Coaching course. Coaches who are entering their second year must take and complete the Action Research course. This two-year training will provide coaches with the R2S Literacy Coach Endorsement and certificates of completion.

[2023-24 Reading Coach Training Opportunities \(Year One, Year Two, and Beyond\) - Memo](#) PDF (162 KB)

LETRS Administrator and Reading Coach PLC

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Read to Succeed Liaisons, School Administrators
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The Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) is supporting South Carolina's districts and schools implementing Literacy Essential for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) Volume 1 and Volume 2. As part of the office's statewide support, the OELL is offering a training series for administrators and reading coaches on implementing LETRS practices. Registration links and meeting dates may be found on the following page.

[LETRS Administrator and Reading Coach PLC - Memo](#) PDF (181 KB)

STUDENT INTERVENTION SERVICES

Blended Diploma Planning Institutes

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Dropout Coordinators, District Student Services Directors, District Attendance Supervisors, District Special Education Directors, Principals
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The South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Student Intervention Services will offer four regional Blended Diploma Planning Institutes in partnership with the National Dropout Prevention Center for school level graduation teams. The Blended Diploma Planning Institute is a two-and-a-half-day working event that guides school level teams to build school-specific, research-based, and foundational dropout prevention plans that have a high probability of improving performance and graduation rates of at-risk students.

[Blended Diploma Planning Institutes - Memo](#) PDF (145 KB)

Discipline and Attendance Data Collection Training Opportunities

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Student Services Directors, Attendance Supervisors, Incident Management Coordinators

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The Office of Student Intervention Services is hosting a series of webinars titled Chronic Absenteeism, Dropout, Truancy, and Incident Management Data Collection, beginning Tuesday, August 22, 2023. These webinars are designed to help participants better understand state and federal data collection and reporting requirements.

[Discipline and Attendance Data Collection Training Opportunities - Memo](#) PDF (172 KB)

2023 Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Summit

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, Professional Development for District Personnel, Parent Liaisons

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), in partnership with the Carolina Family Engagement Center and SERVE Region 6 Comprehensive Center at UNC Greensboro, will host the in-person, annual 2023 FACE Summit from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at the Cooperative Conference Center, 169, Laurelhurst Avenue, Columbia, SC 29210. This year's Summit can benefit family-facing professionals, educators, administrators, who are focused on collaborative school, family, and community partnerships. The Summit aims to share family engagement supports relevant for all students.

[2023 Family and Community Engagement \(FACE\) Summit - Memo](#) PDF (123 KB)

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