



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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COVID-19

Updated DHEC Guidance Documents

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has updated a number of their school based guidance documents within the last few weeks with the latest public health guidance related to COVID-19. Please take a moment to review this important information.

[School & Childcare Centers \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Recent Disease Activity by County Report](#) (as of 8/24/2020)

[Official School and Child Care Exclusion List of Contagious or Communicable Diseases](#)

- [School and Childcare Exclusion Brochure for Parents](#) (English)
- [School and Childcare Exclusion Brochure for Parents](#) (Spanish)

[Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Schools: Management of Suspect and Confirmed COVID-19 Cases](#)

[COVID-19 in Schools: Frequently Asked Questions for School Officials](#)

[COVID-19 in Schools: Frequently Asked Questions for Parents](#)

ESSA ASSESSMENT WAIVER SURVEY

The South Carolina Department of Education released an online survey for public input on the requested assessment waiver to the United States Department of Education. As required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the SCDE must provide public notice and give an opportunity for public input on the waiver request.

The survey should take no more than five minutes to complete. Results will not be individually shared. Instead, the SCDE will combine all feedback for review and include summary information to the U.S. Department of Education.

[Every Student Succeeds Act Assessment Waiver Feedback Form](#)

FINANCE

State Funded Reading/Literacy Coach Allocation

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, School Business Officials, Read to Succeed Liaisons

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Due to the pandemic closures, requirements for the hiring of reading/literacy coaches will continue under Provisos 1.61 and 1A.56 from FY 2019–20. Districts may utilize funding to employ school-based reading/literacy coaches that may serve in a primary, elementary, or middle school or a combination of these schools depending on the area of highest need in the district. The district must align the placement of coaches to the district reading plan that is approved by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE).

[State Funding Reading/Literacy Coach Allocation - Memo](#) PDF (188 KB)

[Reading/Literacy Coach List from the Office of Finance](#) EXCEL (50 KB)

[Guidance Document for Coaches and Interventionists](#) PDF (71 KB)

[Reading Coach Memorandum of Agreement](#) DOCX (43 KB)

2020 SUMMER LEARNING REPORTING

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Instructional Leaders, Read to Succeed Liaisons

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The Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) at the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is required to report to the General Assembly and State Board of Education on the implementation of summer learning for elementary students during the 2019-20 school year. Due to the impacts of the novel coronavirus, summer learning implementation differed across districts. The following survey and expenditure report are due by Friday, September 18, 2020, and may be found at the link below:

https://scde.formstack.com/forms/201920_summer_learning_implementation.

[2020 Summer Learning Reporting - Memo](#) PDF (188 KB)

[Summer Reading Camp Expenditure Report](#) EXCEL (26 KB)

GRANTS

ESSER Subgrant Updates

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is providing important Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) subgrant updates regarding using Indirect Cost Rates, Time and Effort requirements, and Learning Management Systems (LMS) licensing.

[Esser Subgrant Updates - Memo](#) PDF (178 KB)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WIN Learning Virtual Courseware Training Sessions

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, Career and Technical Education Directors, Instructional Leaders, Accountability Coordinators

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The Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) is excited to continue our partnership with WIN Learning by offering professional development through upcoming virtual courseware trainings for our SC K-12 Districts. Below is the information on training with the link for registration. We encourage you to share this opportunity to all applicable faculty and staff within your school district.

[WIN Learning Virtual Courseware Training Sessions - Memo](#) PDF (191 KB)

SAFETY SIGNAGE MATERIALS

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Public Information Officers, Principals

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The SCDE has developed a series of school safety signage to help reinforce students and staff wearing face coverings, washing their hands, avoiding touching their face, and social distancing while within the school building. These materials are now available in both English and Spanish.

The SCDE has worked with an industrial printing company, Spectra, on the creation of an online portal where districts can place orders for any signage needed. Spectra will print the requested materials and ship directly to the district from their headquarters in Columbia. Payment is the responsibility of the entity placing the order.

[School Safety Signage Materials](#)

[Spectra Ordering Portal](#)

TECHNOLOGY

Update on ORS Online Learning Program (Act 142 Hotspots and Internet)

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Technology Leaders

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All orders for hotspots and wired internet have been submitted to the vendors. Because of the volume, there have been some delays in shipping hotspots; however, we are assured that all the equipment will be delivered. We apologize for the added stress the delay is causing.

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) is emailing the Monthly Reporting files to each district, and is also sending the fully executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the email. Per the terms of the MOU, the report is due on the 5th of each month, but because of Labor Day, the first report is due September 8. If you have not received all of your hotspots or have not been able to distribute all devices, please note this in the comment section on the "Initial Address Listing" and summary tabs. The ORS understands how busy everyone is, and greatly appreciates your attention to this.

The report due October 5th will need to be completed in full. Once shipped, the devices are active, and service begins. Please distribute as quickly as possible.

[Update on ORS Online Learning Reporting Program \(Act 142 Hotspots and Internet\) - Memo](#) PDF (136 KB)

TRAINING

Upcoming Training Opportunities

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

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Please review the attached upcoming webinar information for Chronic Absenteeism, Dropout, Truancy, and Incident Management Data Collection.

[Upcoming Training Opportunities - Memo](#) PDF (163 KB)

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