



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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ATTENDANCE

Guidance for Confirming and Documenting Attendance

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Instructional Leaders, District Technology Coordinators, Attendance Supervisors, Principals

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In light of school closures related to COVID-19 and the anticipated reopening of schools for the 2020–21 academic year, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is issuing the guidance linked below to assist districts in determining and accounting for the attendance status, whether present or absent, of students.

[Guidance for Confirming and Documenting Attendance - Memo](#) PDF (197 KB)

[LEAP Attendance Spreadsheet Template - Attachment EXCEL](#) (11 KB)

CERTIFICATION

Educator Certification for Speech Language Pathologists

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Special Education Directors, District Human Resource Directors

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Effective July 1, 2020, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved issuance of educator certificates in the certification field of Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) and discontinued issuance of new educator certificates in the field of Speech Language Therapist. Please refer to the memo and attachment below for further information.

The guidance document linked below provides additional information, and applicants and educators should review the webpage for [educator certification for SLPs](#).

[Educator Certification for Speech Language Pathologists - Memo](#) PDF (132 KB)

[Certification Guidance of Speech Language Pathologists - Attachment](#) PDF (31 KB)

FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS

Last week, State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman announced that the wearing of face coverings would be required for students and staff on school buses and in K-12 public school facilities.

To assist students, parents, and educators with these requirements, the SCDE has compiled comprehensive guidance on who should wear face coverings and when.

[South Carolina Department of Education Face Covering Guidelines for K-12 Public Schools](#)

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. We are also in the process of designing school and bus signage regarding the state's recently announced face covering requirements.

The safety materials, which include accompanying social media graphics, can be found by visiting the link below. The SCDE has worked with an industrial printing company should a school or district need assistance with quality, competitive priced printing of signage. The contact information is included in the link.

[School Safety Signage Materials](#)

SALARY

2020-21 School Year South Carolina School Bus Driver Wage Scale Guideline

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, School District Business Officials, School District Transportation Officials, Area and County Supervisors

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) presents this pay scale as a guide to help districts in determining local school bus driver wages for the 2020-21 school year.

[2020-21 School Year South Carolina School Bus Driver Wage Scale Guideline - Memo](#) PDF (136 KB)