



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

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IMPORTANT DATES

[Instructional Materials Review Panel Recommendations](#) (2/10/2023)

[Leaders Making Readers Literacy Conference Registration](#) (2/13/2023)

ASSESSMENT & STANDARDS

Biology Content South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The Office of Assessment and Standards (OAS) assembled a committee of Life Science classroom teachers to create courses for the Biology Content section of the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021.

[Biology Content South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021 - Memo](#) PDF (133 KB)

CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Project Lead the Way Dual Credit

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, CTE Directors, Instructional Leaders, Regional Career Specialists

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The chart linked in the memo below identifies Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses that offer an end-of-course assessment that can be utilized for dual credit opportunities or Advance Placement (AP) exam.

[Project Lead the Way Dual Credit - Memo](#) PDF (179 KB)

WIN Career Readiness Assessment

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, CTE Directors, Instructional Leaders, Regional Career Specialists

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The Office of Career and Technical Education and Student Transition Services (OCTESTS) has provided the WIN Learning Career Readiness Courseware Suite for all school districts to assist students in grades 9–12 with preparation for the state's Career Readiness Assessment.

[WIN Career Ready Assessment - Memo](#) PDF (133 KB)

UNENCUMBERED TIME

Model Policy for Unencumbered Time

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, School Board Members

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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the districts of the recent model policy adopted by the State Board of Education on January 17, 2023, regarding unencumbered time.

As of January 17, 2023, the local board should adopt a policy at a regularly scheduled meeting within three months. The policy must include, at a minimum, the policy of the State Board of Education but also may include additional provisions.

[Model Policy for Unencumbered Time - Memo](#) PDF (130 KB)

[Model Policy for Unencumbered Time - Attachment](#) PDF (83 KB)

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