



SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

All SCDE weekly memo communications and individual memos can be found [here](#).

MEMOS FOR JANUARY 26-30

- [Arts Curricular Innovation Grants—2026-27 Distinguished Arts Program Grant Opportunity - Memo](#) PDF (141 KB)
- [Professional Learning Allocations for Gifted and Talented and International Baccalaureate Program - Memo](#) PDF (165 KB)
- [South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021 Survey - Memo](#) PDF (144 KB)
- [South Carolina High School Employability Credential Issuance for School Year 2025-26 - Memo](#) PDF (150 KB)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- If you need to be added to our distribution list, please contact your Web Access Coordinator who manages the [District and Entity Information Management System](#) and have them update the district or school role with the appropriate email.
- Middle Social Studies Teachers: The [National Civics Bee](#) invites students to apply in an essay competition on issues they care about. Essays are due **February 3, 2026**.
- The SCDE, in coordination with Lexington School District 2, will host a two-day “I Love U Guys” Standard Reunification Exercise February 23-24 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 3205 Platt Springs Rd, West Columbia, SC 29170. [Register Here](#)
- [Nominations for 2026 U.S. Presidential Scholars Award - Memo](#) PDF (152 KB)
Due 1/30
 - [Academics Application - Attachment](#) Word (110 KB)
 - [CTE Application - Attachment](#) Word (127 KB)
 - [Suggested CTE Criteria - Attachment](#) Word (28 KB)
 - [Arts Application - Attachment](#) Word (116 KB)
- [2026 Stronger Connections Subgrant Program](#) - **Applications Due 2/6**

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