



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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IMPORTANT DATES

[Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee Survey](#) (2/3/2023)

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

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

CALENDARS

School Calendars and eLearning Days

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Public Information Officers, Report Card/Accountability Coordinators

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide clarifying information about school calendars as plans are being considered for the 2023–24 school year.

Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

All statutory and regulatory requirements, including make-up days, remain in effect for the 2023–24 school year. Districts should ensure compliance with applicable state statutes and regulations as 2023–24 school calendars are developed.

[School Calendars and eLearning Days - Memo](#) PDF (249 KB)

DATA

Home School Documentation prior to December 13,

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Instructional Leaders, Accountability Coordinators, Technology Coordinators

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The documentation requirements for Home School issued by South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) created two different sets of expectations. One set of requirements focused on compliance with Compulsory Attendance and a less rigorous set of expectations were required for exemption from Graduation rate calculations.

[Home School Documentation prior to December 13, 2022 - Memo](#) PDF (132 KB)

EARLY LEARNING & LITERACY

Office of Early Learning and Literacy Learning Engagement Opportunities for Families Spring 2023

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Early Childhood Coordinators, District Family Engagement Liaisons

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The South Carolina Department of Education's (SCDE) Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) is pleased to announce some exciting opportunities for South Carolina families of early learners.

The SCDE OELL learning engagement coaches (LECs) for families provide an outreach program for families and communities to assist with resources and materials for supporting school readiness.

[Office of Early Learning and Literacy Learning Engagement Opportunities for Families Spring 2023- Memo](#) PDF (221 KB)

GRANTS

2023-24 EEDA Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates Grant Opportunity

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, Public Information Officers

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2023–24 Request for Proposals for the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates grant program is now available [online](#). Approximately \$1.5 million in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **March 17, 2023**.

[2023-24 EEDA Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates Grant Opportunity - Memo](#) PDF (121 KB)

SURVEY

Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee Survey

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children requests your assistance in identifying and quantifying job vacancies across your school district. The Committee was created by statute to research children's issues in South Carolina and to offer policy and legislative recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. This survey requests information about vacancies in specific professional certified staff position codes of interest to the Committee (e.g., school counselors, school mental health professionals, school nurses, etc.). The survey also gives school districts an opportunity to list additional position codes where data show high vacancy rates.

[Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee Survey - Memo](#) PDF (136 KB)

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