



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

All SCDE weekly memo communications are archived [here](#). Individual memos can be found on the [School District Memoranda Archive](#).

IMPORTANT DUE DATES

[ESSER Reports](#) (7/5/2022)

[Expenditure Reports for State Grants](#) (7/6/2022)

[RBHS Contracts to SC DHHS](#) (7/8/2022)

[iLead Information Session](#) (7/11/2022)

[PADEPP Webinar](#) (7/14/2022)

ASSESSMENTS

Gifted and Talented Academic Identification Assessments

AUDIENCE: District Instructional Leaders, District Testing Coordinators, Gifted and Talented Coordinators

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As mandated by SC Code Ann. § 59-29-170 and 2 SC Code Ann. Regs. 43-220, districts are required to provide services for all gifted and talented students at the elementary and secondary levels. Students are identified for this program by demonstrating high performance ability or potential in academic and/or artistic areas. To meet this purpose, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) administers an aptitude test Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and an achievement assessment (Iowa) to second grade students, which meet the mandated requirements. All second-grade students must be administered these assessments.

Students must meet the criteria for two out of the three dimensions outlined in the law. Dimension A (Reasoning Abilities) requires students to demonstrate high aptitude (93rd national age percentile) in one or more of these areas: verbal/linguistic, quantitative/mathematical, nonverbal, and/or a composite of the three. A composite score of

96 percentile is an automatic qualifier. Dimension B (Achievement) requires that students demonstrate high achievement in reading and/or mathematical areas (94th national percentile) as measured by a nationally normed or statewide assessment.

[Gifted and Talented Academic Identification Assessments - Memo](#) PDF (90 KB)

TRANSPORTATION

Geotab Use for School Bus Transportation

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Transportation Directors

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Geotab uses equipment and knowledge from fields such as telecommunications, vehicular technologies, electrical engineering, and computer science. As a commercial provider for this telematics service, Geotab connects vehicles to the internet to provide web-based analytics for vehicle fleet management. This technology is now being implemented on school buses owned by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE).

[Geotab Use for School Bus Transportation - Memo](#) PDF (171 KB)

WEBSITES

School District Website Requirements 2022

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, School Business Officials, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Information Officers, Public Information Officers, Information Technology (IT) Leaders, Instructional Leaders, Web Access Coordinators (WAC)

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has created a webpage containing state and federal requirements for school district websites and other public awareness resources for the 2022 school year. Districts should use this [SCDE webpage](#) as a reference to validate if school and district websites comply with these requirements.

[School District Website Requirements 2022 - Memo](#) PDF (34 KB)

