



## SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

ed.sc.gov



July 27, 2021

#### Missed last week's memos?

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

## DISTRICT WEBSITES

### School District Website Requirements 2021

**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)

**CONTACT:** Valarie Byrd, [vbyrd@ed.sc.gov](mailto:vbyrd@ed.sc.gov)

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 2021 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 2021 - Memo](#) PDF (156 KB)

## EARLY LEARNING AND LITERACY

### Office of Early Learning and Literacy Professional Learning Opportunities

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, Early Childhood Coordinators, Read to Succeed Liaisons, MTSS Coordinators, District Instructional Leaders

**CONTACT:** Wendy Burgess, [wburgess@ed.sc.gov](mailto:wburgess@ed.sc.gov), Marie Gibbons, [mgibbons@ed.sc.gov](mailto:mgibbons@ed.sc.gov)

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) supports South Carolina's (SC) districts and will offer several free professional learning opportunities (PLOs) and webinars for teachers, teaching assistants, reading coaches, and administrators. The PLOs will consist of virtual and face-to-face experiences focused on early learning and literacy instructional strategies that directly impact student learning. In addition, the Office of Early Learning has partnered with other state-level early childhood agencies to plan and host virtual learning opportunities focused on children aged

birth through five.

[Office of Early Learning and Literacy Professional Learning Opportunities - Memo](#) PDF (224 KB)

## Year One and Year Two Reading Coaches Training

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, Read to Succeed Liaisons, School Administrators

**CONTACT:** Marie Gibbons, [mgibbons@ed.sc.gov](mailto:mgibbons@ed.sc.gov)

The Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) supports South Carolina's districts and schools by providing South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Reading Coaches with two years of professional learning. In order to receive the SCDE Literacy Coach Endorsement, coaches must complete two courses: Principles of Coaching and Action Research. During their first year, coaches must take and complete the Principles of Coaching course. Coaches who are entering their second year must take and complete the Action Research course. This two-year training will provide coaches with the SCDE Literacy Coach Endorsement and certificates of completion.

[Year One and Year Two Reading Coaches Training - Memo](#) PDF (230 KB)

## WAIVERS

### Expiration of Waivers Granted for 2020-21 School Year

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents

**CONTACT:** Katie Nilges, [knilges@ed.sc.gov](mailto:knilges@ed.sc.gov)

The purpose of this memo is to remind districts of the expiration of [specific flexibilities previously granted](#) for the prior school year (2020–21) pursuant to Act 135.

[Expiration of Waivers Granted for 2020-21 School Year - Memo](#) PDF (170 KB)

