



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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ESSER FUNDS

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

CONTACT: scesser@ed.sc.gov

DEADLINE: July 31, 2020

This e-mail serves as a reminder that on or before July 31, 2020, you need to submit ESSER Non-Public School Consultation Form regarding equitable services to the scesser@ed.sc.gov, as stipulated in your ESSER Grant Award Notification. The form assures that either you have no participating private schools within your geographic area, or you have private schools and have completed the requirements for meaningful consultation.

The form may be found online at <https://ed.sc.gov/finance/grants/scde-grant-opportunities/south-carolina-coronavirus-aid-relief-and-economic-security-sc-cares-elementary-and-secondary-school-emergency-relief-esser-subgrant-2020/>, under the "Documents" heading.

More information regarding equitable services, including a webinar, may be found on our main ESSER webpage, at <https://ed.sc.gov/policy/federal-education-programs/esser-funding-information/>.

HOT SPOTS

Applications for Internet Hotspots and Service

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Contacts for Internet, Technology, and Online Learning

CONTACT: Hotspots@ed.sc.gov

DEADLINE: Complete Orders Received by August 5, 2020

Under Act 142, your district may order free internet hot spots and internet service through December 2020 under a program by the S.C. Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). (The language of the Act relevant to this program is quoted below.) Because of plans to start school in August and the December limits on this funding, the timeline for submitting your orders under this priority is short: **Wednesday, August 5, 2020**. After that date, ORS may accept orders but fulfillment of those orders depends upon available inventory and funding. This memorandum summarizes the free internet offer requirements and an option for district-

paid internet for staff and other students.

Districts that received priority because of county poverty levels have through today to complete their priority applications.

Free Internet From ORS Through December 2020

To order the free internet service, your district needs to complete and return the following:

1. The signed memorandum of understanding with the ORS; and
2. The ORS order for internet service and equipment with a signed certification.

[Applications for Internet Hotspots and Service - Memo](#) PDF (236 KB)

[Sub-recipient Agreement for Corona-virus Relief Funds](#) PDF (281 KB)

[Memorandum of Understanding - Attachment](#) PDF (305 KB)

[ORS Hotspot Order Form - Attachment](#) PDF (928 KB)

[Reporting Template - Attachment](#) Excel (23 KB)

LEAP DAYS

LEAP Survey and Information

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders

CONTACT: Quincie Moore, qmoore@ed.sc.gov

Please find information related to LEAP and a survey to be completed by each district below.

Which students should attend?

Districts are required to invite all students in grades 4K–8 to participate in at least one LEAP day. However, not all 4K–8 students in a district must be involved, or are required to attend, all five LEAP days.

Students deemed critical to attend, as well as how many days they will need to attend, should be determined based on the identified needs of students in a district. Districts should place the highest priority on engaging students that have demonstrated significant learning gaps or specialized needs, such as students that:

- Experienced low engagement during the 2020 distance learning period;
- Have demonstrated learning gaps on prior assessments and diagnostic tools;
- Are in process for evaluation related to special education or English learner status; and/or
- Are homeless or migrant.

Attendance: Districts are required to track both student and educator attendance using the following templates:

- [Student Attendance Template](#) and
- [Educator Attendance Template](#).

Both attendance spreadsheets are required to receive full funding and are due within five business days of the last scheduled LEAP day and no later than September 15, 2020.

[LEAP Survey and Information - Memo](#) PDF (240 KB)

[LEAP Survey - Attachment](#) PDF (23 KB)

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

School Year 2020-21 School Lunch and Breakfast Programs

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

CONTACT: USDA Waivers and Meal Claiming - Ron Jones, 803-734-8205

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Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, and Prepare (LEAP) days will not count as the beginning of the school year under the National School Lunch Program. Meals served during LEAP days must be claimed under the Seamless Summer Option or the Summer Food Service Program in accordance with all associated rules of those programs.

Please refer to the memo linked below for more information regarding the lunch and breakfast programs for the 20-21 school year.

[School Year 2020-21 School Lunch and Breakfast Programs - Memo](#) PDF (181 KB)

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