



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](#).

REMINDERS

Due to no school district memorandums from the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) for the week of March 13, the SCDE would like to remind districts of the following information.

Child ID Kits

South Carolina Child ID kits are in the process of being distributed to every school district in the state through a partnership with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), and grant support from Duke Energy and Dominion Energy.

Under Act 180 of 2022, the Child ID law, districts are required to notify parents of the availability of the Child ID kits and should provide the kits at the parent's or guardian's request. There is no timeframe included in the law, but the SCDE would ask that the districts notify the parents by the end of March. While this first supply is for all students K-12, after this year, each child entering kindergarten will have the same opportunity to request and receive a kit.

[Distribution of Child ID Kits - Memo](#) PDF (158 KB)

State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force

The 17-member State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force, created by Proviso 1.114 of the 2022-23 General Appropriation Act, is tasked with providing the governor and the General Assembly with recommendations for potential reforms to the state's efforts to recruit and retain teachers in public schools.

The Task Force will host its final listening session on Monday, March 20 at 4:30 p.m. in Columbia. A flyer and feedback survey are linked below.

[Listening Session Flyer](#)

Military Honor Cords and State Recognition Event

The South Carolina Department of Education is pleased to recognize high school seniors who will be entering the military or attending a military service academy with a red, white, and blue honor cord to be worn during graduation ceremonies. Thank you for participating in this program to honor the commitment these students are making to serve our country.

In addition to wearing these honor cords at individual graduation ceremonies, eligible students are invited to attend a statewide recognition ceremony where state, education, and military leaders will publicly recognize them for their commitment.

[Military Honor Cords and State Recognition Event - Memo](#) PDF (135 KB)

Dominion Energy and South Carolina Department of Education Accepting Entries for Third Annual Essay Contest Celebrating Notable African Americans

Junior and senior high school students in South Carolina will have a chance to win an Apple MacBook Air and \$1,000 for their school or home schooling association if selected as a winner of Dominion Energy and the South Carolina Department of Education's third annual Strong Men & Women in S.C. History student essay contest.

The program builds on SCDE's longstanding South Carolina African American History Calendar that honors prominent African Americans in the state who have made noteworthy contributions.

[2023 Strong Men & Women in S.C. History Student Writing Contest Overview](#)

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