



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Personal Finance one-half (0.5) unit Graduation Requirement

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders, Career and Technical Education Directors, Personnel Administrators, School Counselors

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This memorandum is a follow up to the February 13, 2023 memorandum regarding Personal Finance one-half (0.5) unit Graduation Requirement. On May 9, 2023, upon the second reading, the State Board of Education approved the standards for the Personal Finance one-half (0.5) unit Graduation Requirement. The new one-half unit course will be available through multiple formats: face-to-face instruction, virtual, and hybrid.

[Personal Finance one-half \(0.5\) unit Graduation Requirement - Memo](#) PDF (213 KB)

FINANCE

Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Grant Close Out

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Business Officials

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The due date for all budget amendments is Friday, June 30, 2023, for grant awards ending June 30 and/or any expenditures that will be incurred on or before June 30, 2023.

Expenditure claims in GAPS for any expenditures from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, received after Tuesday, August 15, 2023, will not be paid. This deadline will be strictly enforced.

[Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Grant Close Out - Memo](#) PDF (121 KB)

GRANTS

Arts Curricular Innovation Grants -- Equitable Arts Advancement Program 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 Arts Curricular Innovation Grants (ACIG)—Equitable Arts Advancement Program grant is now available online. Approximately \$350,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is June 30, 2023.

[Arts Curricular Innovation Grants -- Equitable Arts Advancement Program Grant Opportunity - Memo](#) PDF (160 KB)

Arts Curricular Innovation Grants -- Distinguished Arts Program 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 Arts Curricular Innovation Grants (ACIG)—Distinguished Arts Program grant is now available online. Approximately \$700,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is June 30, 2023.

[Arts Curricular Innovation Grants -- Distinguished Arts Program Grant Opportunity - Memo](#) PDF (209 KB)

HEALTH

Services Available to Students with Special Health Care Needs Notice

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Special Education Directors, School Nurses

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In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 59-63-90, the South Carolina Department of Education is required to develop a notice to be sent by each local educational agency to all parents or legal guardians that notifies them of available services and rights pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and medical homebound regulations at the beginning of the school year.

[Services Available to Students with Special Health Care Needs Notice - Memo](#) PDF (112 KB)

[Services Available to Students with Special Health Care Needs - Attachment](#) PDF (149 KB)

MILITARY HONOR CORD

Military Honor Cord Ceremony Information

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, High School Principals, Public Information Officers, School Counseling Personnel

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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.

[Military Honor Cord Ceremony Information - Memo](#) PDF (121 KB)

PERSONALIZED LEARNING

CarolinaCrED Micro-credentials

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders, Professional Development Coordinators, Principals, Teachers

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The Office of Personalized Learning has partnered with the University of South Carolina's CarolinaCrED to offer micro-credentials for SC educators. Sign up for an information session on June 13, 2023 from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Teachers who are interested in micro-credentials can sign up independently, or districts and schools can send one representative to receive information.

[Carolina CrED Micro-credentials - Memo](#) PDF (122 KB)

STUDENT INTERVENTION SERVICES

2022-23 Discipline, Truancy, and Chronic Absenteeism Data Verification

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Student Services Directors, Incident Management Coordinators, Attendance Supervisors

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The 2022–23 Discipline, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism data are now posted in the Accountability Data Transfer (ADT) System/Data Portal for review. It is critical that each district reviews, corrects, and confirms the accuracy of the data by June 28, 2023, as these data will be used for state and federal reporting.

[2022-23 Discipline, Truancy, and Chronic Absenteeism Data Verification - Memo](#) PDF (139 KB)



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