



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](#).

COVID-19 CASES

COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff and Students

As of October 13, 2021, DHEC has reported the following student and staff quarantines and isolations since the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year:

- 217,089 student quarantines
- 49,373 student isolations
- 6,271 staff quarantines
- 5,540 staff isolations

[Student, Staff Isolation & Quarantine Report](#) (as of 10/13/2021)

[South Carolina County-Level Data for COVID-19](#) (as of 10/17/2021)

TEMPORARY VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION

The South Carolina Department of Education asks schools or districts that can no longer safely operate and provide face to face instruction due to staffing shortages resulting from COVID-19 or a similar infectious disease to please complete the form linked below notifying a move to temporary virtual only instruction.

[South Carolina Department of Education Notification of School or District Move to Temporary Virtual Instruction](#)

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Afterschool Leadership Institute

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has partnered with The Riley Institute at Furman University to build capacity in leaders of afterschool programs. Students who participate in high-quality, evidence-based out-of-school time programs, whether afterschool or in the summer, do better during the school day on a range of metrics. Studies show that their attendance and grades improve, they are more likely to stay in school, and that their outcomes improve even beyond the classroom.

The Riley Institute at Furman and the SCDE are partnering to offer [South Carolina Afterschool Leaders Empowered \(SCALE\)](#), a new program that will prepare individuals across the state to be strong leaders in the field of afterschool and expanded learning. Each year for the next three years, SCALE will convene a diverse cohort of 20 emerging summer and afterschool learning leaders, providing them with the tools and frameworks they need to build strong partnerships, design effective programming, and more. Ideal participants are leaders who work in the school district or are partnering with the school district to provide evidence-based afterschool and summer learning programs.

[Afterschool Leadership Institute - Memo](#) PDF (164 KB)

DATA AND FINANCE

45-day Data Verification

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Finance Officers, District Technology Directors, District PowerSchool Coordinators

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The 45-day membership collection will open on **October 25, 2021, and close November 12, 2021**. The links provided below will update twice daily. You can submit revised extracts during the collection period and retrieve corrected reports.

[45-day Data Verification - Memo](#) PDF (197 KB)

EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Foundation in School Leadership Cohort Starting January 2022-23

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Human Resources Directors

CONTACT: Lilla Toal Mandsager, lmandsager@ed.sc.gov

The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development is pleased to announce a new cohort of Foundations in School Leadership (FSL) is open to teacher leaders and coaches beginning January 2022.

The South Carolina Department of Education's leadership development cohorts all focus on growing highly-effective educators who are prepared to support all students to reach the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*. Specifically, participants will grow in their understanding and skill with supporting colleagues in personalization, collective leadership, and ensuring equitable access to effective instruction. Districts and/or school participants will be responsible for any applicable program fees, travel expenses, lodging, and meals. Each cohort is limited based on space; previous cohorts have filled quickly.

[Foundations in School Leadership Cohort Starting January 2022-23 - Memo](#) PDF (197

HEALTH & NUTRITION

National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Subgrant Opportunity

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, School Principals, School Food Directors/Supervisors, Public Information Officers

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2021–23 Request for Proposals for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance subgrant is now available online. Up to \$521,260 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **November 19, 2021**.

The SCDE will award equipment assistance subgrants via a competitive process to school food authorities for schools participating in the NSLP. Applicants must justify how the requested equipment will help them serve healthier meals, improve food safety, and support the maintenance and/or expansion of the School Breakfast Program. No subgrant will be awarded for more than \$25,000; the balance for equipment costs exceeding this limit will be the responsibility of the SFA.

[National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Subgrant Opportunity - Memo](#)
PDF (140 KB)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is announcing the Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program. This annual program offers twelfth-grade students in public school the opportunity to compete for a scholarship valued at approximately \$2,000. The purpose of the competition is to encourage and recognize academic and artistic excellence.

Scholarships are awarded and applicants may participate in one of the following discipline areas: creative writing, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts. To compete, students should submit an original and two copies of the original composition and process folio for the creative writing, dance, music, or theatre categories. For the visual arts category, mail one original composition and a process folio. **Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked on or before Monday, February 21, 2022.**

[Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Program - Memo](#) PDF (212 KB)

[2021-22 Archibald Rutledge Scholarship Creative Writing Application - Attachment](#)
PDF (272 KB)