



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Important Dates

FEBRUARY 10: Standards and Learning PLO and face-to-face information session registration deadline

FEBRUARY 14: Deadline to apply for Advanced Placement® (AP) Teacher Institutes Grant Opportunity

FEBRUARY 17: Standards and Learning virtual information session registration deadline

MARCH 11: Census Bureau challenge deadline for 2018 LEA poverty and population data

Reminder:

The State Board of Education has approved the subject areas that will have instructional materials reviewed and adopted for the 2020 adoption cycle. Instructional Materials Review Panels will be created for these subject areas. Your assistance is needed to establish the pool of candidates from which nominees and alternates for the Review Panels will be selected. Please use the below Excel spreadsheet to provide your recommendations for outstanding teachers currently teaching in the subject areas listed or district content area specialists. Your recommendations need to be submitted by email to Kriss Stewart (kstewart@ed.sc.gov) by **February 7, 2020**.

[Instructional Materials Review Panel Recommendations - Form](#) Excel (23 KB)

[Instructional Materials Review Panel Recommendations - Memo](#) PDF (162 KB)

Accountability

Access to Teacher- and Student-Level Value-Added Measure Data

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Accountability Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, PowerSchool Coordinators

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) contracted with Education Analytics (EA) to provide school, grade level, and teacher value-added measures as required by the Education Accountability Act. The SCDE utilized the resulting estimates to create the Student Progress measure on the state report card. EA has subsequently released a public facing

website, sc-growth.org.

The next phase of development is a secure, teacher-level website. Access to the teacher-level and student-level information on this website is controlled through data entered in PowerSchool and the Professional Certified Staff system. Superintendents, district-level personnel, principals, and teachers will receive access to the secure website based on their data in these two systems.

To assure access to the website, please read the below linked memo and ensure all the required data elements are coded correctly.

[Access to Teacher- and Student-Level Value-Added Measure Data - Memo](#) PDF (161 KB)

Release of 2018 Census Data for Fiscal Year 2020 Title I, Part A Allocations

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Title I Coordinators

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The below linked memos provides updates regarding allocations under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The U.S. Department of Education will use the 2018 Census data to calculate fiscal year 2020 (school year (SY 2020–21) allocations under Title I, Part A ESSA.

Please review the attached table that shows the 2018 population and poverty estimates for the local educational agencies in South Carolina, which the United States Census Bureau released on December 12, 2019. These data are also available at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html>.

[Release of 2018 Census Data for Fiscal Year 2020 Title I, Part A Allocations - Memo](#) PDF (182 KB)

[2018 Census Poverty Data by Local Educational Agency](#) PDF (274 KB)

Early Learning and Literacy

Free Online Parent/Family Resource

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The SCDE seeks to empower families and community members by providing capacity-building assistance and resources for effective family engagement that promotes literacy. A Family Engagement Framework has been developed for use by schools and districts to support family and community engagement. In addition, the SCDE created [Supporting Early Literacy at Home: A Parent's Guide](#), which is a tool for parents and families that promotes children's early literacy development.

The memo linked below outlines the details regarding the free online family resource.

[Free Online Parent/Family Resource - Memo](#) PDF (169 KB)

