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Important Dates

JANUARY 24: Technical assistance webinar for Advanced Placement® Teacher Institutes grant applicants

JANUARY 27: Showcase of the approved Multi-Tiered System of Supports Universal Screener

FEBRUARY 7: Deadline for instructional material recommendations

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

ASSESSMENT

Data Review Reports and Quick Links for Teachers

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, **Classroom Teachers**

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Each fall, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), Office of Assessment, brings together committees of classroom teachers and district-level curriculum experts to review item data from the previous spring's administrations of SC READY, SCPASS, and End-of-Course Examination Program assessments. The committees provide their findings in Data Review Reports. The reports for the spring 2019 data are accessible on the SCDE Web page at <https://ed.sc.gov/tests/assessment-information/quick-links-for-teachers/> under a new link created specifically for teachers, titled "**Quick Links for Teachers.**" The reports are organized by testing program and content area, and contain recommendations for teachers.

Additional valuable information is available on the "Quick Links for Teachers" Web page including updated assessment blueprints and the Sample Release Items for all grade levels and content areas. The Sample Release Items are aligned to the current content standards and were field tested with South Carolina students. The "Quick Links for Teachers" page will continue to be updated, as new information is available.

[Data Review Reports and Quick Links for Teachers](#) PDF (137 KB)

****The SCDE is only able to send information to teachers who have provided their contact information to us. We ask that school and district personnel provide this valuable information to classroom teachers in their schools and districts.**

DISTRICT AND ENTITY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

New System for District and School Information Updates

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Accreditation Contacts

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The District and Entity Information Management (DEIM) can now be utilized by school districts to make real time changes to district and school personnel contacts. The district and school information will be used by all offices at the SCDE, including the Office of Finance, which uses the information to identify a school's eligibility for state funding.

District and school information for the 2019–20 school year has been pre-loaded into the application for all public districts and schools, including charter schools and Career and Technical Education centers. In the future, any changes pertaining to the district or schools' contacts will be made in the DEIM system by the district's accreditation contact or the district's designated individual.

To report changes in grade span, school name, closings, or openings, please enter the appropriate information into the DEIM system but then also complete the appropriate change form and email it to Karen Byrum at kbyrum@ed.sc.gov. The appropriate change form is still needed at this time to capture the Superintendent's signature. As the DEIM system is enhanced, the option to upload the signed change form will be added.

[New System for District and School Information Updates - Memo](#) PDF (173 KB)

EARLY LEARNING AND LITERACY

Universal Screener Showcase Invitation to Districts

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Early Childhood Coordinators, Read to Succeed Coordinators

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The Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) will host a showcase of the approved Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Universal Screener providers on **January 27, 2020**, at the South Carolina Archives and History Building, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC 29223 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the showcase is to give district representatives the opportunity to participate in a presentation and review materials from each provider. Districts may send two representatives and are asked to complete the registration link for each participant. Lunch will be provided.

[Universal Screener Showcase Invitation to Districts - Memo](#) PDF (158 KB)

Office of Early Learning and Literacy Professional Learning Opportunities

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Early Childhood Coordinators, Read to Succeed Coordinators

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The Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) supports South Carolina's districts and schools by providing Professional Learning Opportunities (PLOs). During fall 2019, the OELL offered PLOs on topics including an Overview of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), Using Universal Screener Data to Inform Tier 1 Instruction, Effective Phonics Instruction, Emergent Literacy, and Social and Emotional Foundations.

The spring 2020 PLO offerings will build upon the fall sessions, and will also include additional sessions of popular topics for participants who were unable to attend the fall PLOs.

Topics for the spring include:

- Emergent Literacy;
- Designing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) with Data Driven Impact;
- Phonological Awareness;
- Using Data in the MTSS Framework; and
- Using Universal Screener Data to Inform Tier 1 Instruction (repeat of fall 2019 PLO).

Dates, times, location, and registration information can be found by reading the full memo at the link below.

[Office of Early Learning and Literacy Professional Learning Opportunities - Memo](#) PDF (316 KB)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Advanced Placement® (AP) Teacher Institutes Grant Opportunity

AUDIENCE: Institutions of Higher Education

CONTACT: Josie Stratton, 803-734-2782, jstratton@ed.sc.gov

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2020 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Advanced Placement® (AP) Teacher Institutes grant is now available online. Up to \$190,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **February 14, 2020**.

The SCDE will award funds to any of South Carolina's public or private institutions of higher education (IHEs) or any school district working in collaboration with a state, public, or private IHE to provide initial training for newly assigned AP teachers specifically in the content of the subject area.

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for grant applicants on **January 24, 2020**, from **10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.**, via Adobe Connect.

[Advanced Placement® \(AP\) Teacher Institutes Grant Opportunity](#) PDF (165 KB)

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Instructional Materials Review Panel Recommendations

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders

CONTACT: Kriss Stewart, kstewart@ed.sc.gov

The State Board of Education (SBE) 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 according to the SBE regulations. Your assistance is needed to establish the pool of candidates from which nominees and alternates for the Review Panels will be selected.

Please review the full text of the memo linked below and submit recommendations by February 7, 2020 to Kriss Stewart using the accompanying recommendation form.

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

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

SCHOOL SAFETY

Office of the State Fire Marshal Quarterly Training

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, Facility Directors, Safety Coordinators

CONTACT: Nathan Ellis, Assistant State Fire Marshal, 803-414-7161,

Nathan.Ellis@llr.sc.gov

The Office of the State Fire Marshal will host Model Fire and Safety Policies for School Districts and Charter Schools in several regions around the state, beginning in **January 2020**.

This course, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m., will address the requirements of **Act 256** and provide participants with information needed to enhance the safety of their school facilities.

The Office of Student Intervention Services will cover the registration fee for all school and district personnel. Dates and registration details can be found by reading the full memo.

[Office of the State Fire Marshal Quarterly Training - Memo](#) PDF (136 KB)

[Office of the State Fire Marshal Quarterly Training - Flyer](#) PDF (292 KB)

STANDARDS AND LEARNING

Professional Learning Opportunities: Spring 2020

AUDIENCE: District Instructional Leaders

CONTACT: Varies by professional learning opportunity

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer free, hybrid professional learning opportunities in the following areas during the Spring of 2020:

- Elementary English Language Arts
- Secondary English Language Arts
- Gifted and Talented
- Geography Courses Social Studies
- History Courses Social Studies
- K–12 Social Studies Standards
- K–5 Mathematics
- Middle Level Mathematics
- K–12 Social Studies Standards
- K–12 World Language
- K–12 Physical Education

In each series, participants will refine their practice through ongoing virtual and face-to-face sessions designed to support their application of new knowledge in the classroom and their evaluation of its impact on student learning. Participants must participate in all face-to-face and virtual meetings.

Contact information for each professional learning opportunity as well as the dates and times they are offered can be viewed by click on the respective memo link.

[K-12 Physical Education Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2020](#) PDF (248 KB)

[K-12 Social Studies Standards Information Session: Spring 2020](#) PDF (219 KB)

[K-5 Mathematics Professional Learning Opportunity Spring 2020](#) PDF (245 KB)

[History Courses Social Studies Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2020](#) PDF (213 KB)

[Gifted and Talented Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2020](#) PDF (408 KB)

[Geography Courses Social Studies Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2020](#) PDF (212 KB)

[Elementary English Language Arts Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2020](#) PDF (212 KB)

[Secondary English Language Arts Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2020](#) PDF (242 KB)

[Middle Level Mathematics Professional Learning Opportunity Spring 2020](#) PDF (365 KB)

[K-12 World Language and Immersion Professional Learning Opportunity Making Moves Toward Functional Language Proficiency: Spring 2020](#) PDF (337 KB)

South Carolina African American Calendar Units of Instruction

AUDIENCE: District Instructional Leaders

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The Office of Standards and Learning presents twelve units of instruction developed to celebrate each of the 2020 South Carolina African American Calendar honorees. Through inquiry and literacy, students will explore these exceptional individuals and their impact on the state of South Carolina. To access the units, please visit the Office of Standards and Learning Social Studies Support Documents and Resource web page. Scroll through the support documents and resources for the African American History Calendar Instructional Unit Resources.

[South Carolina African American Calendar Units of Instruction - Memo](#) PDF (160 KB)