



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Important Dates

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

APRIL 3: Deadline to apply for USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Subgrant

APRIL 3: [Family Engagement Statewide Summit](#)

APRIL 15: Deadline to apply for Arts Curricular Innovation Grants

APRIL 20: Deadline to apply for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

APRIL 30: District Strategic Plans and School Renewal Plans Due

MAY 5: [South Carolina Teacher of the Year Gala](#)

MAY 15: [Military Honor Cord Ceremony](#)

ASSESSMENT

Calculator Use During Testing

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The below linked memo provides you with reminders about the use of calculators during SC READY assessments and the End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP).

Only specific calculators may be used during testing. The list of allowable calculators is available on the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) website and included in the test administration manuals.

[Calculator Use During Testing - Memo](#) PDF (158 KB)

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Project Lead the Way Dual Credit

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, CTE Directors, Instructional Leaders

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The below linked memo identifies Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses that offer an end-of-course assessment that can be utilized for dual credit opportunities or Advance Placement (AP) exam.

School districts may offer dual credit course weighting to the PLTW courses identified if a student meets the qualifying achievement level of “Accomplished” on the end-of-course assessment as determined by PLTW and has a passing grade for the course.

School districts may develop memorandum of agreements with post-secondary institutions for the purpose of offering PLTW courses for dual credit.

PLTW courses identified as having a College Board/AP Exam assessment should be aligned to the guidelines and requirements determined by the College Board. These courses are endorsed by the College Board, giving students the opportunity to take the AP exam for college credit.

[Project Lead the Way Dual Credit - Memo](#) PDF (176 KB)

EARLY LEARNING AND LITERACY

MTSS Universal Screening Approved List for the 2020–21 School Year

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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Pursuant to Act 213, districts and charter schools must screen all kindergarten and first grade students three times a year for potential reading difficulties

The Office of Early Learning and Literacy hosted a showcase of the 2019–20 approved Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Universal Screener providers on January 27, 2020. The purpose of the showcase was to give district representatives the opportunity to participate in a presentation and review materials from each provider.

Following the showcase, the Learning Disorders Task Force (LDTF) met on January 28, 2020. After reviewing district feedback, the LDTF elected to hold a special meeting on February 25, 2020, to offer both vendors with currently approved screening tools and other vendors that serve South Carolina districts the opportunity to present their universal screening products for addition to the LDTF’s approved list for the 2020–21 school year.

After reviewing presentations and submitted materials, the LDTF voted to approve the screeners in the below linked memo for the 2020–21 school year.

[MTSS Universal Screening Approved List for the 2020–21 School Year - Memo](#) PDF (189 KB)

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

School and Childcare Requirements for School Year 2020–21

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) has released School and Childcare Immunization Requirements for the 2020–21 school year.

The below linked memo and letter provides general guidance and the specific requirements for childcare and school attendance. Upcoming changes include a requirement for Hepatitis A vaccine for childcare and K5 and a new version of the South Carolina Certificate of Immunization.

[School and Childcare Requirements for School Year 2020–21 - Memo](#) PDF (132 KB)

[DHEC Immunization Requirement Letter](#) PDF (265 KB)

Lead Testing of Drinking Water at Qualifying Elementary Schools and Child Care Centers

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) is the recipient of a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement a “Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Programs Drinking Water Program.”

Authorized under Section 2107 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, the grant provides funding for qualifying schools and child care centers to voluntarily have their drinking water tested for lead.

[Lead Testing of Drinking Water at Qualifying Elementary Schools and Child Care Centers - Memo](#) PDF (167 KB)

[Lead Testing of Drinking Water - DHEC Fact Sheet](#) PDF (186 KB)

COVID-19 Resources

The SCDHEC and SCDE recommend that school and district leaders familiarize themselves with the below guidance related to COVID-19 and what can be done now to prepare and prevent the spread of the disease in their local school communities.

[DHEC Guidance for Schools and Out-of-Home Child Care Centers: 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[CDC Interim Guidance for Administrators K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

