

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
Instructional Leaders

FROM: Abbey Duggins
Chief Academic Officer and Deputy Superintendent of College, Career, and
Military Readiness

DATE: October 14, 2025

RE: High-Quality Instructional Materials Professional Development

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is committed to aligning systems, resources, and support so that teachers are equipped to deliver excellent instruction that meets the needs of every learner. With the recent adoption of new English and Math High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM), district and school leaders can ensure every student has access to rigorous instruction. The SCDE is teaming with [Instruction Partners](#) to offer professional learning and targeted resources that support the effective implementation of HQIM in schools.

Chief Academic Officer (CAO) HQIM PD Network

District Chief Academic Officers are invited to join a four-part webinar series designed to strengthen leadership practices for High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) implementation. These sessions will provide actionable strategies, tools from the CAO Toolkit, and guidance on setting a clear vision, aligning resources, and ensuring effective support systems for educators. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of their role in creating the conditions for successful HQIM adoption across schools.

Please mark your calendars for the following virtual training sessions: October 21, 2025, December 9, 2025, February 12, 2026, and April 1, 2026, from 10:00am to 11:30am.

Register here: [Registration Link](#). Questions can be directed to Nicole Barker at nmbarker@ed.sc.gov.

HQIM Leadership Academy Cohort 1

The SCDE is launching the inaugural HQIM Leadership Academy to build school and district capacity for implementing HQIM. Selected schools will send a leadership team, including one or more teachers, coaches, school leaders, and district leaders, to participate in four full-day trainings, coaching sessions, and ongoing professional learning. This initiative offers practical tools, peer networking, and targeted support to strengthen instruction and accelerate student learning using HQIM. Preference will be given to schools with federal improvement or Palmetto Math designations, but all schools and districts are welcome to apply.

See the [linked flyer](#) for dates and additional information. Access the application [here](#).

Questions can be directed to Brenna McCormick at bkmccormick@ed.sc.gov.