

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
District Accountability Leaders
District Gifted and Talented Coordinators

FROM: Kristi D. Austin, PhD
Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

DATE: May 13, 2026

RE: Palmetto GIFTED Application

The Office of Assessment and Standards is pleased to announce the launch of the new Palmetto Gifted Identification for Forms and Tasks in Education (Palmetto GIFTED) application in partnership with EdWise Group. This software will support the identification, management, and oversight of gifted programs across South Carolina's K–12 school districts. The new application will replace the current GIFT application and is scheduled for implementation during mid-summer, before the 2026–2027 school year.

Palmetto GIFTED will provide:

- Enhanced student profile pages that provide a comprehensive view of student information;
- Pre-built and custom reporting functionality to support districts and schools' needs to track the effectiveness of gifted and talented services;
- Visual dashboards that offer at-a-glance insights; and
- Referral function that will allow referrals to be submitted online.

What Districts Can Expect:

- Legacy data from GIFT will be migrated to Palmetto GIFTED. More information and support regarding this process will be provided at a later date.
- Districts will receive training opportunities, guidance documents, and virtual support sessions for use of the new system.

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We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and will provide ongoing communication to GT Coordinators based on the contacts listed by districts in the District & Entity Information Management System (DEIMS).

Please note that Form A will be completed and submitted from the current GIFT program for 2025–2026 and is due on **June 30, 2026**.

We are dedicated to fostering effective, secure, and user-friendly tools to support gifted and talented students. We appreciate your continued support as we work to improve this application for the benefit of our students, educators, and families. For questions, please contact Jennifer Holliday (Advanced Programs) at jnholliday@ed.sc.gov.