

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Principals

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

DATE: February 18, 2026

RE: Scientific Notation as a Sensemaking Tool in Science Webinar

The Office of Assessment and Standards (OAS) Math and Science Team is excited to offer a webinar designed specifically for secondary math and science educators!

With the rollout of the *2025 South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Mathematics Standards*, the responsibility for teaching Scientific Notation has shifted into the 7-12 science classroom. This webinar will equip teachers with strategies for helping students confidently use scientific notation to represent and calculate with very large and very small quantities.

Participants will leave with:

- a clear understanding of how scientific notation fits into science instruction,
- instructional strategies that strengthen students' quantitative reasoning, and
- cross-disciplinary approaches that support coherence between math and science classrooms.

The OAS Math and Science Team strongly recommends this session for both secondary math and science teachers.

The webinar will be offered twice, as represented in the table below. Live attendees can earn 1.5 SCDE Activity Renewal Credits.

Date	Time	Registration link
Thursday, April 16, 2026	3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	April 16 Registration
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	April 21 Registration

After processing, a recording of this webinar will be posted to the Science Professional Learning Library on the [Science Professional Learning Opportunities webpage](#).

Please contact C. Lark Widener (clwidener@ed.sc.gov) for any questions or clarification.