



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

All SCDE weekly memo communications are archived [here](#). Individual memos can be found on the [School District Memoranda Archive](#).

COVID-19 CASES

COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff and Students

Beginning August 10, 2021, DHEC will update its COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff and Students Dashboard for the 2021-2022 school year and will include cases from August 1-8, 2021. The dashboard will then be updated on Tuesday and Friday afternoons each week.

[COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff & Students](#) (as of 8/10/2021)

[South Carolina County-Level Data for COVID-19](#) (as of 8/7/2021)

[K-12 Schools Interim Guidance for Management of COVID-19 Cases](#)

[COVID-19 Interim Guidance for K-12 School Operations](#)

[COVID-19 Schools & Childcare Center Definitions](#)

ESSER III

Districts are reminded that their ARP ESSER (or ESSER III) plans are due to the South Carolina Department of Education on August 24, 2021. For information regarding ARP ESSER funds, please visit <https://ed.sc.gov/policy/federal-education-programs/esser-funding-information/arp-esser-funding-information/>.

If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please e-mail scesser@ed.sc.gov.

GRANTS

Update to Indirect Cost Rate Procedure

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Financial Officers, Title I, Part A Coordinators, ESEA Title II Coordinators, ESEA Title IV-A Coordinators, ESEA Title V (REAP) Coordinators
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During the 2021-22 school year, the Office of Federal and State Accountability will implement a new procedure for updating Indirect Cost Rates for the second year of a federal grant. Indirect Cost Rates are effective for one year, rather than for the duration of a two-year grant period. Therefore, districts will receive an amended Grant Award Notification (GAN) indicating the effective change of Indirect Cost Rates for the second year of the grant. Districts will be required to amend the Grants Electronic Management System (GEMS) and the Grants Accounting Processing System (GAPS) to reflect budgeting for the updated Indirect Cost Rate.

[Update to Indirect Cost Rate Procedure - Memo](#) PDF (162 KB)

POWERSCHOOL

Legal Name and Legal Gender in SIS

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Information Technology (IT) Leaders, Report Card/Accountability Coordinators, PowerSchool Coordinators
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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) provides the state-sponsored student information system (SIS) as a support for districts and a uniform source for student data (currently PowerSchool). The SIS functions as the system of record for legal documents and the student's permanent record. These functions have traditionally prevented personalization of the student record with preferred or nick names. The upcoming PowerSchool release will allow the use of preferred name for internal or classroom usage and a legal name for state reporting and legal documents.

[Legal Name and Legal Gender in SIS - Memo](#) PDF (132 KB)

SCHOOL SAFETY

Model Safe Schools Checklist Submission Update

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Safety Coordinators
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As a follow-up to the [memo](#) from Katie Nilges, Director of Governmental Affairs, regarding the 2021 Model Safe Schools Checklist, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has developed the SC School Safety Portal (SCSSP) to enhance the security of information and documents related to school safety. As a result, district staff should complete and submit the Checklist via the SCSSP by September 1, 2021.

The SCSSP is only accessible via the [SCDE's Member Center](#). As a result, the web access coordinator (WAC) in each district must assign and grant access to the Checklist to the appropriate individual(s) in their respective districts. The Model Safe School District User role should be assigned to the district-level individual(s) responsible for inputting, editing, and/or reviewing information.

[Model Safe Schools Checklist Submission Update - Memo](#) PDF (142 KB)

STANDARDS AND LEARNING

Selection of the State Standards Review Panel for the *2015 South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Mathematics Standards*

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is organizing a Standards Review Panel for the revision of the *2015 South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Mathematics Standards*. The role of the panel in the cyclical review process is to evaluate the current standards and make recommendations for revision.

I am asking for your assistance in identifying members for the State Standards Review Panel by sharing the following information with district mathematics education coordinators, principals, department chairs, coaches, and the greater mathematics education community.

[Selection of the State Standards Review Panel - Memo](#) PDF (174 KB)

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