



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

As of October 6, 2021, DHEC has reported the following student and staff quarantines and isolations since the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year:

- 206,009 student quarantines
- 46,882 student isolations
- 4,650 staff quarantines
- 4,141 staff isolations

[Student, Staff Isolation & Quarantine Report](#) (as of 10/6/2021)

[South Carolina County-Level Data for COVID-19](#) (as of 10/10/2021)

TEMPORARY VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION

The South Carolina Department of Education asks schools or districts that can no longer safely operate and provide face to face instruction due to staffing shortages resulting from COVID-19 or a similar infectious disease to please complete the form linked below notifying a move to temporary virtual only instruction.

[South Carolina Department of Education Notification of School or District Move to Temporary Virtual Instruction](#)

FUNDING

WIOA Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Programs 2021-25 Competitive Subgrants -

Round Two

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Adult Education Directors, Public Information Officers

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces Round Two of the 2021–25 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Programs subgrant competition is now open. AEFLA funds will be awarded in three subgrants to eligible providers:

- One (1) Adult Education subgrant to serve Fairfield County in the Midlands workforce development area;
- One (1) Integrated English Literacy/Civics Education (IEL/CE) subgrant to serve the Lower Savannah workforce development area (Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Calhoun and Orangeburg Counties); and
- One (1) IEL/CE subgrant to serve the Waccamaw workforce development area (Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg Counties).

[WIOA Adult Education and Family Literacy Act \(AEFLA\) Programs 2021-25 Competitive Subgrants--Round Two - Memo](#) PDF (166 KB)

HEALTH & NUTRITION

School Garden and Education Assistance Program

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, Public Information Officers, Food Service Directors

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is pleased to announce the 2021-22 School Garden and Education Assistance Program. The program will be administered by Clemson Extension's School Gardening for SC Educators. School Gardening for SC Educators is a program offered and facilitated by the Clemson University Extension. By sponsoring the School Gardening for SC Educators program, the SCDE is supporting the capacity of schools and school districts in South Carolina to implement and expand agriculture and nutrition education through school gardening.

Request for Proposals for the School Garden and Education Instruction Assistance Program is now available online. The awards will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is December 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Each awarded school will receive an all-inclusive school garden kit to be delivered to the school for the purpose of implementing hands-on nutrition and agriculture education. Each awarded school will also receive comprehensive training, as well as The Garden Stem: Curriculum for your Garden Classroom which contains lesson plans customized to South Carolina state teaching standards.

[School Garden and Education Assistance Program - Memo](#) PDF (133 KB)

INTERNSHIPS

School Mental Health Internship Program

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, School Counseling Personnel Directors

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The University of South Carolina (UofSC) School Behavioral Health Team (SBHT) has received funding from the BlueCross® BlueShield® of South Carolina Foundation to develop the Enhancing Capacity for School Mental Health (ECSMH) program. This program, which includes an undergraduate internship, is designed to support the tiered mental health needs

of South Carolina public school students and families by helping to close any gaps in service provided by school mental health professionals (e.g., mental health clinicians, social workers, counselors, psychologists).

Through this opportunity, schools will gain access to a trained undergraduate student interested in pursuing a future career or graduate studies in mental health. Prior to working with a school, students will receive training and ongoing support from the SBHT program leaders and other leaders in the field.

[School Mental Health Internship Program - Memo](#) PDF (162 KB)

