



# SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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## COVID-19 CASES

### COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff and Students

[COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff & Students](#) (as of 9/12/2021)

[South Carolina County-Level Data for COVID-19](#) (as of 9/12/2021)

## 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

### South Carolina's ESEA Fiscal Waiver Approved

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders, Chief Financial Officers, Title I, Part A Coordinators, Title I, Part C, Migrant Coordinators, ESEA Title I, Part D, N&D Coordinators, ESEA Title II Coordinators, ESEA Title III Coordinators, Title IV-A Coordinators, Title IV, Part B Coordinators, Title V (REAP) Coordinators, McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaisons, Grants

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We are pleased to announce that the United States Department of Education (USED) is

waiving, pursuant to section 8401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), requirements on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) and its subgrantees (e.g., local educational agencies (LEAs)) as a result of the ongoing challenges related to the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

[South Carolina's ESEA Fiscal Waiver Approved - Memo](#) PDF (212 KB)

## STUDENT INTERVENTION SERVICES

### Education and Economic Development Act Accountability Deadlines

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, Finance Directors, Principals, School Counseling Directors

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For accountability purposes related to the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA), the Office of Student Intervention Services (OSIS) collects two documents annually: the Employment Verification Form (EVF) and the Career Specialist Accountability Report (CSAR). Additionally, individual graduation plans must be developed or annually updated for all students in grades 8–12.

The EVF is designed to ensure that the South Carolina Department of Education has provided funds directly to districts to assist schools in hiring adequate staff to meet the 300:1 student-to-guidance personnel ratio required by the EEDA. Therefore, an EVF must be completed by all school counseling personnel (counselors and career specialists) whose positions are either fully or partially funded by the EEDA. Please pass this information on to the appropriate school counselors and career specialists and require them to complete the [2021–22 Employment Verification Form](#) online as soon as possible but no later than Friday, September 24, 2021.

[Education and Economic Development Act Accountability Deadlines - Memo](#) PDF (166 KB)

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### 2021 Virtual Anti-Bullying Youth Forum

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, Principals, Student Services Directors, School Counseling Personnel Directors

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In recognition of Bullying Prevention Month in October, the Office of Student Intervention Services will host an Anti-Bullying Youth Forum, *#NoTolerance4Bullying*, on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. During the virtual forum, classes of elementary and middle school students will be inspired to take a stand against bullying by Sydney Jo Washington, a local teen and creator of the Anti-Bullying Club Book Series. Classes of high school students will be challenged to *#cancel bullying* by another notable South Carolinian.

Educators, who will be able to submit questions about bullying prevention to the forum planners and presenters prior to the event, are encouraged to register their individual classes as soon as possible. The first 10 educators from each school level—elementary, middle, and high—who register their classes **and** whose classes participate in the forum will receive a set of up to 30 books related to bullying prevention.

[2021 Virtual Anti-Bullying Youth Forum - Memo](#) PDF (181 KB)

## Information Privacy Training

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, District Information Technology Leaders

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The South Carolina Department of Education's (SCDE) Chief Information Office is pleased to announce that the following two information privacy training opportunities are being offered to all South Carolina local educational agency (LEA) leaders whose responsibilities may include district student data privacy program functions. Training is being offered at no cost to the school districts, and is based on the collaborative input from the Information Security, Privacy and Technology Sub-Group members of the SCDE District Technology Advisory Group.

The virtual training program consists of privacy instruction topics and instructor-led coaching sessions designed to maximize peer discussion and communication with implemented training techniques.

[Information Privacy Training - Memo](#) PDF (140 KB)

