



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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ASSESSMENT AND STANDARDS

Proviso 1.76

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Test Coordinators, District Instructional Leaders, Report Card/Accountability Coordinators

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South Carolina legislature has passed Proviso 1.76 which mandates the reporting of interim assessments to SCDE so that SCDE can prepare a report for the legislature. The approved interim assessments are found on the SCDE website:

<https://ed.sc.gov/tests/middle/adoption-list-of-state-approved-formative-interim-assessments/>

[Proviso 1.76 - Memo](#) PDF (174 KB)

Supports for Educators from the Office of Assessment and Standards

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders, Special Education Directors, English Language Arts Coordinators

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is pleased to announce the Office of Personalized Learning is joining the Office of Assessment and Standards (OAS). As part of our ongoing commitment to educators of South Carolina, the OAS is providing a variety of supportive opportunities and information. Menus of various professional development offerings that address high-frequency requests from schools and districts are available on the Standards and Assessment Information pages on the SCDE website under the Districts & Schools link. Additionally, a variety of assessment information, data, trainings, and special areas information and resources is also available within our Standards and Assessment Information webpages.

[Supports for Educators from the Office of Assessment and Standards - Memo](#) PDF (170 KB)

ENROLLMENT

Student Enrollment, Age-Appropriate Placement, Ninth Grade Cohort, and International Transcript Guidance

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, ESEA Title III MLP Coordinators, School Counseling Personnel, PowerSchool IT Contacts, Principals

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The purpose of this memorandum is to supplement a previous memorandum, Multilingual Learner Enrollment, and to provide additional information regarding common questions received by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE).

Initial grade placement for all students enrolling in South Carolina public schools, including multilingual learners and immigrant students, must be with same-age classmates regardless of the grade level. At the high school level, a student must be placed with age-level peers when possible (e.g., homeroom, electives, lunch, etc.), and decisions for coursework should be based on the student's transcript, if available. While classes should be scheduled accordingly to meet course prerequisites and graduation requirements, students must have the opportunity to interact and advance with peers. When applicable, school districts must be proactive and thoughtful in planning around specific grade-level activities or requirements (e.g., graduation, 9GR specific assessments). Districts must communicate with students and families in a language they understand and prefer for any decisions regarding participation in specific grade level requirements.

[Student Enrollment, Age-Appropriate Placement, Ninth Grade Cohort, and International Transcript Guidance - Memo](#) PDF (184 KB)

P-EBT

Mailing Address Verification

The South Carolina Department of Social Services, in coordination with the Department of Education, is preparing to administer the next round of Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) and asks parents to verify their mailing address with the agency between now and August 10th at 5pm on the agency's [DSS Benefits Portal](#).

Approximately 520,000 children qualify for this round of P-EBT as they were eligible for free or reduced price school meals during the 2022-2023 school year. Verifying the mailing address cuts down on processing times and can help limit delays for eligible families in receiving their cards that contain this one time, lump sum amount.

Need to learn more about P-EBT? Check out the [2022-2023 P-EBT Frequently Asked Questions](#) to learn more about eligibility qualifications, amounts and the timeline for this program. Cards should be expected to arrive by mid-September. Note: calling your local DSS office will not speed up card distribution and address verification should be done only on the [DSS Benefits Portal](#).



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