

Charter Institute at Erskine

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Submission: FY26 Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Department: Federal Programs Finance

Due Date: 05/31/2025

Details: Please use the following documents (template and exemplar) to assist in creating your school's Comprehensive Needs Assessment for the 2025-2026 school year. Your school's 2024-2025 CNA is also attached to this submission. As a reminder, if you would like feedback prior to your final submission, please upload the completed template (or comparable document) by May 15, 2025.

Submission: 20 Day Letters (Jan-June 2025)**Department:** Title I**Due Date:** 05/30/2025

Details: In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, all schools are required to provide timely notice to parents when students have been assigned or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject level in which the teacher has been assigned. ESSA Sec. 1112 (e)(1)(B)(ii) *This includes substitutes and related arts/special area teachers. These letters should be sent home with students in the applicable class. See attached resources and examples below to determine when letters should be sent. Example 1: Teacher 1 taught 3rd grade in Aug-Sept and is still teaching 3rd grade in Oct-Nov. A letter would need to be sent at the beginning of the year. Example 2: Teacher 2 taught Class A in Aug-Dec but is now teaching Class B in Jan-May. A letter would need to be sent at the beginning of each semester.

Submission: 2025 Summer Reading Camp Pre-Camp Survey**Department:** State and Academic Programs**Due Date:** 05/05/2025

Details: Please review the memo for vital information regarding Summer Reading Camp (SRC) 2025. Schools must complete the pre-camp survey (linked in the memo) by May 5, 2025, to ensure timely data compilation, which will be submitted to the SCDE by May 16, 2025.

Submission: Fall 2025 Optional PLO (LETRS) for 4th and 5th Grade and Middle-Level Special Education Teachers**Department:** State and Academic Programs**Due Date:** 05/09/2025

Details: Optional LETRS training for 4th and 5th grade and middle-level Special ED teachers begins during the Fall of 2025. This two-year course offers renewal credits, honoraria, and R2S endorsement. The attached memo includes important information and a LINK for schools to complete the required Formstack submission by May 9, 2025.

Submission: FY26 Preliminary Budget**Department:** Finance**Due Date:** 05/15/2025

Details: As outlined in Section 8.1, Budget, of the Charter Contract, the School must use the same budget codes as are required of school districts in the State. The budget shall be based on documented SCDE estimated revenues in accordance with the allocations in S.C. Code Ann. § 59-40-140(A)-(C). The School shall establish and maintain adequate operating reserves with a minimum of 60 days of cash on hand by the end of the second school year in order to avoid possible financial hardships. On or before April 30 of each year, the School shall submit to the Sponsor the School's preliminary proposed budget for the upcoming school year, with the School's final budget submitted to the Sponsor by June 30th subject to modifications throughout the year as are required or are permitted.

Submission: Read to Succeed PowerSchool Setup**Department:** PowerSchool and IT**Due Date:** 05/15/2025

Details: For all schools with 3rd grades, ACT 284 requires the school to offer a summer reading program for any student not reading on grade level. Please see the recorded webinar for correctly setting up the summer school in PowerSchool. Schools will need to confirm viewing the webinar and correct setup in PowerSchool.

https://canteytechnology.sharepoint.com/:f/s/CanteyEDU/EtgnMmj0ihZGIPPrZHH_SEYBAhhVrmePs5LwIT-BA63jWA?e=VngxEi

Submission: CTE Ten Month Placement Data**Department:** CTE**Due Date:** 05/08/2025

Details: See attached files with data for completers who graduated 2024. Use the Student Reporting Proc. Guide pgs 4-11, paying special attention to pgs 9-11, for directions in coding along with notes on the Word document. Changes must be made IN POWER SCHOOL & NOT on the attached spreadsheets. If you have a state file, you can reference what the state has. The PS file contains all to be coded. All changes are due by Apr 29 in PS as required by the SCDE. Contact is Heather Holliday.

Submission: Individualized Graduation Plan Progress Monitoring**Department:** PowerSchool and IT**Due Date:** 05/30/2025

Details: Please see your attached file for your school's progress towards entering all IGPs in PS, then make locked and primary. The standard set by the Education Accountability Act requires 100% completion. Weekly updates will be made over the next few weeks. In many schools, Counselors are responsible for entering these plans into PS. Please contact Heather Holliday with any IGP questions.

Submission: Mentor Stipend**Department:** State and Academic Programs**Due Date:** 05/30/2025

Details: Submission Order: A to Z by last name, W-9 first, supporting documents behind each.

Submission: Special Education - General Fund Budget for FY26**Department:** Finance**Due Date:** 05/15/2025

Details: As part of the requirement for schools/districts to maintain their State financial effort for special education related services, we need to collect and submit to the SCDE your proposed State funds budget for this area. Please note that your state funds budgeted and spent for special education related services per pupil each year should not decrease from the prior year unless there are justifiable circumstances (i.e. substantial decrease in Students with Disabilities, substantial decrease in enrollment overall, etc.). Please complete the attached spreadsheet and include your proposed budget for special education related expenditures by function using State dollars only. We realize your budget process may not be complete, so please estimate as best you can. If you have questions, please contact Amanda Tucker (atucker@erskinecharters.org) or Aila Ranera (ailaranera@erskinecharters.org). Thank you.

Submission: ACCESS Post-Test Document Submissions - Spring 2025**Department:** Assessment**Due Date:** 05/30/2025

Details: STCS please submit all ACCESS Post-Test documentation through this submission. If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Seay.

Submission: Performance Task Assessment (PTA) Post-Test Document Submissions - Spring 2025**Department:** Assessment**Due Date:** 05/30/2025

Details: STCS please submit all Performance Task Assessment Post-Test documentation through this submission. If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Seay.

Announcement: SY 24-25 Third Grade Retention and Guidance Document

Contact Person: Tarry McGovern

Department(s): State and Academic Programs

Start Date: 02/15/2025

End Date: 05/23/2025

Details: As we approach our statewide SC Ready testing window, please be sure to follow the guidance provided in the South Carolina Read to Succeed Third Grade Retention and Guidance Document. Act 114 requires third-grade retention starting in 24-25 if a student score is "Does Not Meet Expectations" on SC READY Reading. Good Cause Exemptions remain, except the Literacy Assessment Portfolio (LAP Folder) has been removed. Summer Reading Camp now requires achieving at least Approaches Expectations on an approved assessment. Approved alternate assessments include (MAP – 186, iReady – 489, STAR Unified - 941). The retention threshold is now the lowest achievement level on SC READY. Additional information is located at "<https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/early-learning-and-literacy/read-to-succeed/third-grade-retention/>" For questions, contact tmcgovern@erskinecharters.org.

Announcement: Federal Programs Survey Results 2024-2025

Contact Person: Lacy Lucas

Department(s): Federal Programs Finance

Start Date: 02/27/2025

End Date: 05/31/2025

Details: Attached to this announcement you will find your 2024-2025 Title I Stakeholder Results, as applicable, and Instructional Staff Survey Results. Additionally, instructions for navigating the results are provided. These results should be used when developing your school's Comprehensive Needs Assessment for the 2025-2026 school year. Please reach out to Lacy Lucas or Meagan Cothran with any questions.

Announcement: PACE Program Cohort 2025 Dates and Deadlines

Contact Person: Robbie Anderson

Department(s): Human Resources and Benefits

Start Date: 03/21/2025

End Date: 05/30/2025

Details: The PACE Cohort 2025 dates and deadlines are located on the South Carolina Department of Education website, linked here: <https://ed.sc.gov/educators/alternative-certification/pace/2025-26/>. The Office of Educator Services at the South Carolina Department of Education must receive a 2025-2026 PACE Confirmation of Employment form by Friday, June 20, 2025, if you wish for an applicant to attend Summer PACE I with Cohort 2025. Confirmation of Employment forms must be submitted by the assigned deadline for applicants to be eligible for PACE I training.

The Institute Confirmation of Employment form is linked here: https://erskinecharters.formstack.com/forms/cie_confirmation_of_employment_form

Please contact Robbie Anderson at randerson@erskinecharters.org or (803) 429-2355 if you have any questions.

Announcement: eLearning Plan Updates and Submission Process for 2025-2026

Contact Person: Tarry McGovern

Department(s): State and Academic Programs

Start Date: 04/01/2025

End Date: 05/30/2025

Details: As part of the eLearning approval process, schools currently approved for eLearning must submit updated plans between May 1 and June 30, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year. New schools—those that have never applied for eLearning or are in their inaugural year—must complete a separate application. Please refer to the attached memo and template for specific guidance and instructions. Additional updates and reminders will be provided as they become available.

Announcement: School Nurse Information

Contact Person: Tarry McGovern

Department(s): State and Academic Programs

Start Date: 04/15/2025

End Date: 05/30/2025

Details: Please see the attached memo with information for Institute School Nurses. For questions, please contact Victoria J. Ladd (State School Nurse Consultant) laddvj@dph.sc.gov.

Announcement: SCDE Notice: CTE Placement Code Data Submission

Contact Person: Jessica Crowe

Department(s): PowerSchool and IT

Start Date: 04/18/2025

End Date: 05/18/2025

Details: Please review the attached SCDE memo document regarding important CTE data entry and publishing tasks. PowerSchool administrators may need to coordinate with their district CTE coordinator to obtain a list of applicable students. This involves entering CTE Placement Codes for students who graduated last year, as required for Ed-Fi reporting this month. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Crowe at jcrowe@erskinecharters.org.

Announcement: Upcoming Teacher Evaluator Certification/Teacher Mentor Renewal Credit Opportunities

Contact Person: Callison Madsen

Department(s): State and Academic Programs

Start Date: 04/21/2025

End Date: 05/31/2025

Details: The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is offering a SCTS 4.0 Evaluator Training. This training is required for any educator serving on a teacher evaluation team and satisfies the requirements for mentor certification renewal. Please see the attached memo for specific training information and dates. For questions, contact Callison Madsen at cmadsen@erskinecharters.org.

Announcement: Upcoming SC Teacher Mentor Certification Opportunities

Contact Person: Callison Madsen

Department(s): State and Academic Programs

Start Date: 04/21/2025

End Date: 05/21/2025

Details: SC teacher mentor training is available through CERRA on May 20-22, and July 15-16. Here is the link to register: <https://www.cerra.org/page/upcoming-trainings>. Please contact Callison Madsen at cmadsen@erskinecharters.org for the password to enroll.

Announcement: Grant Opportunity - Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program

Contact Person: Kristy Cansler

Department(s): Federal Programs Finance , Finance, Leadership

Start Date: 04/22/2025

End Date: 05/19/2025

Details: Funding for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is available for the 2025–26 school year through Section 19 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The FFVP targets elementary schools with the highest percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals (at least 50% or higher). The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar on April 28, 2025, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Applications are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025. Please see the included memo and application resource from the SCDE for further information. If your school does apply, please email Sarah Shealy at sshealy@erskinecharters.org when you need to complete the signature page.

Announcement: State Memos for School Leaders April 23

Contact Person: Heather Holliday

Department(s): Leadership

Start Date: 04/23/2025

End Date: 06/06/2025

Details: Please see attached memos from the SCDE for the weeks of April 14 and 21. Contact Heather Holliday with questions.

Announcement: SC Teacher Evaluator Training Opportunities

Contact Person: Callison Madsen

Department(s): State and Academic Programs

Start Date: 04/24/2025

End Date: 06/30/2025

Details: The SCDE will host in-person SCTS 4.0 Train-the-Trainer sessions on October 1–2 and January 27–28. This training is for certified evaluators and builds capacity to train evaluators and teachers on the SCTS 4.0 rubric. Registration links and details are attached.

For questions, contact Callison Madsen at cmadsen@erskinecharters.org.

Announcement: Procedures for Requirements to Employ Retired Individuals for School Year 2025-2026

Contact Person: Robbie Anderson

Department(s): Human Resources and Benefits

Start Date: 04/29/2025

End Date: 06/30/2025

Details: Please review the attached memo, provided by the SC Department of Education, regarding the procedures for requirements to employ retired individuals for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please refer to this link provided by the SC Department of Education: <https://ed.sc.gov/educators/recruitment-and-recognition/critical-need-areas/>. If you have any questions, please contact Robbie Anderson at randerson@erskinecharters.org or (803) 429-2355.

Announcement: Cell Phone Policy Survey (SCDE)**Contact Person:** Cameron Runyan**Department(s):** Leadership**Start Date:** 04/30/2025**End Date:** 05/10/2025

Details: From Laura J. Bayne, Deputy Superintendent, Strategic Engagement South Carolina Department of Education

When the State Board of Education passed the model policy prohibiting the use of personal electronic devices during the school day, they included a requirement to administer a survey soliciting input for how to improve the policy. Superintendent Weaver will be sending an e-mail directly to educators [4/30/25] asking them to take a survey about the implementation of the Free to Focus initiative, school safety/student discipline, and practices that allow teachers to effectively address students' academic needs. The link is: <https://scde.formstack.com/forms/scdespring2025survey>.

Announcement: Grant Opportunity - 21st Century CLC**Contact Person:** Kristy Cansler**Department(s):** Federal Programs Finance , Leadership**Start Date:** 04/30/2025**End Date:** 05/16/2025

Details: Requests for Proposals for the Summer 2025 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) subgrant program are now available online. The deadline to apply is May 16, 2025. The SCDE's Office of Student Support (OSS) will offer a pre-application technical assistance webinar via Microsoft Teams on May 5, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Please see the included memo and application resources from the SCDE for further information.

Announcement: CEEB College Entrance Exam Board Application**Contact Person:** Jason Jones**Department(s):** PowerSchool and IT**Start Date:** 05/01/2025**End Date:** 05/15/2025

Details: New schools and schools expanding to include high school grade levels please fill out the attached application for a College Entrance Examination Board Code for your school. This code will be used by students to indicate the school where of attendance for scores to be sent.

Announcement: What's Up Wednesday 5/14/2025**Contact Person:** Lacy Lucas**Department(s):** Federal Programs Finance**Start Date:** 05/01/2025**End Date:** 05/14/2025

Details: Please join us for our last What's Up Wednesday on May 14th from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. We will be discussing end of year requirements and closing out the current fiscal year. Please use this Zoom link to access the meeting: <https://erskinecharters.zoom.us/j/7398578547?pwd=UmVlaUZuRkZSUG93cU1rVmtYcm9yUT09>

Announcement: Federal Budgets - May Update

Contact Person: Sarah Shealy

Department(s): Additional Targeted Support and Improvement, Comprehensive Support and Improvement, CTE, Federal Programs Finance , Title I, Title II

Start Date: 05/02/2025

End Date: 05/17/2025

Details: For ease of access, please find your school's federal budgets as of 5.02.25 posted in LWS. Review them closely to ensure all expenses for Quarter 3 were entered.

These budgets do not reflect the TSI and CSI amendments prepared in February. They are undergoing SCDE review - We understand that this is delaying reimbursement requests. The final deadline to submit for reimbursement is 7.12.25. (June Payroll has an extension of 8.08.25) Reminders will be posted in LWS, announced in the monthly What's Up Wednesday trainings, and Sarah Shealy will reach out to schools throughout May and June.

Announcement: Free Resource for Year One Teachers

Contact Person: Callison Madsen

Department(s): Leadership

Start Date: 05/02/2025

End Date: 05/31/2025

Details: CERRA, The Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement has released the Premiere Educator's Guide to Year One for purchase. The digital copy is free for your use. Here is the link for those interested:

https://secure.touchnet.com/C20256_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=67 For questions, please contact Callison Madsen at cmadsen@erskinecharters.org.