



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

Updated DHEC Guidance Documents

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) continues to update their school based guidance documents with the latest public health information related to COVID-19. Please take a moment to review this important information.

[School & Childcare Centers \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Recent Disease Activity by County Report](#) (as of 11/12/2020)

[COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff & Students](#) (as of 11/17/2020)

[Celebrating the Holidays Safely](#)

GRANTS

Arts Curricular Innovation Grants - 2021 Arts Teacher Institutes Grant

AUDIENCE: Institutions of Higher Education, Nonprofit Organizations with an arts focus working in partnership with an IHE, South Carolina Governor's School for Arts and Humanities, South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2021 Request for Proposals for the Arts Curricular Innovation Grants (ACIG)—**Arts Teacher Institutes** grant is now available [online](#). Approximately \$515,000 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis for twelve summer Arts Teacher Institutes. The deadline to apply is **December 7, 2020**.

[Arts Curricular Innovation Grants - 2021 Arts Teacher Institute Grants - Memo](#) PDF (142 KB)

REMINDER: LEARNING OBJECT REPOSITORY

Learning Object Repository

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Instructional Leaders, Information Technology Leaders
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With the procurement of a Learning Object Repository (LOR) platform, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is embarking on a journey to provide more resources for lesson planning and student learning, exemplary teaching strategies and professional opportunities all across our state. We emphasize the word journey as there will be several phases for development and an ongoing organic tool, continually updated with new resources. The SCDE is partnering with Safari Montage to provide the LOR to all districts in South Carolina. As we begin the complex process of establishing a significantly large statewide LOR and a smaller LOR for each district, Safari Montage and the SCDE need information from each district related to current tools in the district's digital ecosystem.

Linked below are three documents: (1) Considerations for Implementation – an overview document with explanations and directions; (2) a pdf file of the Needs Assessment you will complete online which gives you the full list of questions in advance; and (3) a list of Safari Montage Overview Professional Development Sessions. Session options begin Friday, November 13th and continue through Friday, November 20th. District level leaders may find it helpful to participate in a session before completing the Needs Assessment. Later, there will be an extensive list of opportunities for building leader and teacher professional development on the Safari Montage tool as well as building quality lessons in a digital environment.

[Learning Object Repository - Memo](#) PDF (156 KB)

[Considerations for Implementation - Attachment](#) PDF (223 KB)

[SAFARI Montage LOR Needs Assessment - Attachment](#) PDF (206 KB)

[LOR Session Flyer - Attachment](#) PDF (1648 kB)

