



South Carolina School District Website Requirements

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District websites are a resource to communicate with district communities and they have statewide and national outreach. These websites include some content that is required by state and federal regulation. The following information contains state and federal requirements of a district's website content and other resources to consider for public awareness.

Provisos: 2023-24 Part 1B Section 1-H630 Department of Education (from scstatehouse.gov)

Proviso 1.3. (SDE: State Aid to Classrooms):

Pursuant to Section 59-20-80, each school board of trustees must make available by September first of each fiscal year its annual budget that includes state, local, and federal investments in education. The budget must be available on the district's website.

Each district's annual audit must be available on the district's website.

Proviso 1.19. (SDE: School Board Meetings):

Website postings must include notice of the date, time, and agenda of regularly scheduled school board meetings 24 hours in advance. Regularly scheduled school board meeting minutes must be posted within 10 days of the next scheduled board meeting.

Proviso 1.21. & (1A.13) (SDE-EIA: School Districts and Special Schools Flexibility):

Website posting must include quarterly district and special school certification of non-instructional or nonessential program suspensions and specific flexibility actions taken.

Proviso 1.24. (SDE: School District Furlough):

Each local school district must prominently post on the districts internet website and make available for public viewing and downloading the most recent version of the school districts policy manual and administrative rule manual.

Proviso 1.36. (SDE: Administrative Costs Report Posting):

School districts must post the amount of funds spent in the prior fiscal year on administrative cost defined by the financial analysis model, "In\$ight," for education programs utilized by the South Carolina Department of Education.

In\$ight Financial Analysis Model: <https://ed.sc.gov/finance/financial-services/information-memos-and-forms/fiscal-year-2023-2024/fiscal-year-2023-2024-funding-flexibility-procedures/>

School District Expenditure Transparency Methodology: <https://ed.sc.gov/about/chief-operating-officer-executive-offices/chief-information-office/total-quality-management/district-web-requirements/methodology/>

Proviso 1.41. (SDE: Health Education):

Each district shall publish on its website the title and publisher of all health education materials it has approved, adopted, and used in the classroom.

1.94. (SDE: Surplus Property):

A school district must transfer, or offer for sale or lease, any surplus real property or property which has been vacant, unused, or unused for direct student instruction for the previous four school years and is not currently included in any district capital improvement plan for future use on or before July 1, 2023. All school districts must publish on their website by September 15, 2023, a list of properties that qualify under this provision.

1.99. (SDE: Alternative Education Programs Options):

Website posting of SCDE opt-out form for students to opt out of disclosure of directory information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.

S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-535(F)(1)(b):

Each school district must post the [Sex Offender Registry Website hyperlink](#).

SECTION 59-18-900.:

Annual report cards for individual primary, elementary, middle, high schools, and school districts must be of the pushed via the corresponding school/or district website.

School and Districts Report Cards: screportcards.com

SECTION 10 - H650 - GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Proviso 10.3. (GSSM: Schools’ Fees) The Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics:

The school shall conspicuously publish a fee schedule on their website.

Federal Website Requirements Applicable to Districts (Consideration of Individuals with Disabilities)

- Schools and district entities receiving federal funding are required to take steps to ensure individuals with disabilities are provided with equal opportunities (accessibility and reasonable accommodations) in their programs and activities per the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504. Section 504 Regulations:
- The Reauthorized Rehabilitation Act of 1998, Amended Section 508 addresses the issue of electronic and information technology goods and services that are not fully accessible to all individuals with disabilities.
- Section 508 Standards Checklist
- Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Compliance

Web Accessibility Resources

- Americans With Disabilities Act (OCR Video Series | ADA National Network (adata.org))
- Access Board (Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board)

- ITTATC (Information Technology and Technical Assistance Training Center)
- CAST (Center for Applied Technology)
- Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule
- Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology
- University of Colorado – Boulder web accessibility self-study resources
- Georgia Tech's Accessibility Resources
- Access SC IT (ASCIT)
- W3C Web Accessibility Initiative
- Federal Trade Commission (COPPA)
- The National Center on Disability and Access to Education (NCDAE)
- Microsoft Accessibility
- WAVE Web Accessibility Evaluation Tool from WebAIM.org (free)
- South Carolina School for Deaf and the Blind (Accessible Website Example) Consider website mobility user friendly concerns for user access via cell phones and devices.