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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents

**FROM:** Rebecca C. Davis, Interim Director, Office of Special Education Services  
Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability  
Daniel Ralyea, Director, Office of Research and Data Analysis

**DATE:** August 1, 2018

**RE:** South Carolina High School Credential Course Codes Clarification

In August 2018, beginning with the ninth grade class, all South Carolina school districts will offer appropriate students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) the opportunity to earn a state-recognized high school credential. The memorandum is in response to questions generated by the [March 30, 2018](#), memorandum titled “South Carolina High School Credential (SCHSC) Course Codes and 9GR.”

The Office of Special Education Services, in collaboration with the Office of Federal and State Accountability, has identified course codes for ninth and tenth grade courses for the SCHSC (i.e., employability) course of study. **The 5th and 6th digits of the course codes that are currently marked as “00” will need to be replaced with the corresponding codes for the appropriate disability area of the majority of the students in which the teacher teaches.** These disability area codes are included in the [2018–2019 Activity Coding System Manual](#) on page 69 and for specific information related to the SCHSC course codes, refer to page 87 (Appendix P).

<b>SCHSC Ninth Grade Course Name</b>	<b>SCHSC Ninth Grade Course Code</b>
Essentials of English I	3900__CW
Essentials of Math I	3901__CW
Essentials of Science I	3902__CW
Essentials of Social Studies I	3903__CW
Employability Education I	3908__CW

Due to the various high school schedules that are available to students across the state, below are the 10th grade course codes.

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<b>SCHSC Tenth Grade Course Name</b>	<b>SCHSC Tenth Grade Course Code</b>
Essentials of English II	3910__CW
Essentials of Math II	3911__CW
Essentials of Science II	3912__CW
Essentials of Social Studies II	3913__CW
Employability Education II	3918__CW

It is imperative that the only applicable students that are enrolled in these courses are students that belong to the 9GR cohort of 2018–19.

The coursework was developed with the consideration of traditional seat time and includes competency goals needed to obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to be independently, competitively employed and be successful in postsecondary life. Based on student need, if the district elects to spread the coursework over two semesters or two years, then the course code's last digit "W" needs to be replaced with "H" demonstrating the student is only being instructed with half the content of the coursework and the district needs to identify in the course name which half is the beginning or the end. These courses are considered elective courses.

If the district elects to not follow the [South Carolina High School Credential Course Descriptions and Competencies I–IV](#), the district must take the appropriate steps to apply for an innovative course that would also meet the requirements of the employability course of study. Click here to access the [Innovative Approaches: Locally Designed Subject Area Course Application](#).

If you have any questions relevant to the South Carolina High School Credential, please email Rebecca C. Davis, Interim Director, Office of Special Education Services at [rcdavis@ed.sc.gov](mailto:rcdavis@ed.sc.gov), or Tabitha Strickland, Education Associate, at [tstrickland@ed.sc.gov](mailto:tstrickland@ed.sc.gov). If you have questions relevant to the Course Codes or the Innovative Course Application, please email Darlene Prevatt, Team Lead, Office of Federal and State Accountability at [dprevatt@ed.sc.gov](mailto:dprevatt@ed.sc.gov).

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