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Krystle N. Matthews  
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Dear Ms. Matthews-

We are in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request dated March 17, 2021.

The Beaufort County School District adheres to SC Code 59-29-55 (2019) which states, "The State Board of Education shall examine the current status of the teaching of South Carolina History. By the 1989-1990 school year, each public school of the State must instruct students in the history of the black people as a regular part of its history and social studies courses. The State Board of Education shall establish regulations for the adoption of history and social studies textbooks which incorporate black history and shall, through the State Department of Education, assist the school districts in developing and locating suitable printed materials and other aids for instruction in black history. The State Board of Education shall examine curricular material for grades 1-6 to determine the level of emphasis on the relationship of agriculture and other industries to the South Carolina economy."

African American history is not taught in isolation, but rather, integrated into the South Carolina state curriculum standards in grades K-12. Additionally, we share with our schools the compilation of [African American History resources](#) which are provided by the S.C. State Department of Education. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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