



Rep. Krystle N. Matthews
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Rep. Matthews:

This letter is in response to your March 17, 2021 SC FOIA request, in which you wrote:

I would like to respectfully request a copy of all curriculum, materials and outlines that are currently being used to teach Black History.

School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties 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."

While the aforementioned record [SC Code 59-29-55 (2019)] responsive to your request is not maintained by the District, we are providing a link to SC Code 59-29-55 (2019):
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t59c029.php>.

African American history is integrated into the South Carolina state curriculum standards in grades K-12. Additionally, the South Carolina Department of Education provides [African American History resources](#), and we share this with our schools.

Thank you for your support of public education and your kind words. We agree that "A solid education opens the doors for a whole new world of possibilities and opportunities," and in School District Five we strive to provide students with the best educational opportunities each school day.

Regards,

Katrina Goggins
Director of Communications
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