

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: John Tyler, General Counsel

DATE: April 4, 2025

RE: Action Needed! Required Certification of Compliance with Title VI

The U.S. Department of Education recently issued a [directive requiring all K-12 school districts to certify compliance with Title VI](#) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This action stems from the Department's enforcement of the Supreme Court's decision in *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College*, and is now a condition of receiving federal financial assistance.

District Required Actions:

1. Download and sign the [Certification Regarding Nondiscrimination Under Title VI](#).
2. Return the completed and signed certification form [via this link](#) no later than **April 10, 2025**.
3. Include any relevant district policies and supporting documentation demonstrating your compliance with Title VI.

State Department of Education Responsibilities:

As a recipient and administrator of federal education funds, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) must also certify compliance with Title VI to the U.S. Department of Education. To fulfill this requirement, we must collect certifications from all subrecipients, including school districts. Your timely response is essential. As noted in SCDE's [March 14, 2025 Memorandum](#), the SCDE has reaffirmed its commitment to full compliance with federal directives, providing important context for our agency's alignment with federal expectations and supporting our efforts to uphold civil rights laws while ensuring a high-quality education for every student.

Please ensure timely submission of the certification and all required materials, as this is a federal condition tied to the continued receipt of federal education funds. If you have any questions or need support, contact John Tyler at jetyler@ed.sc.gov.