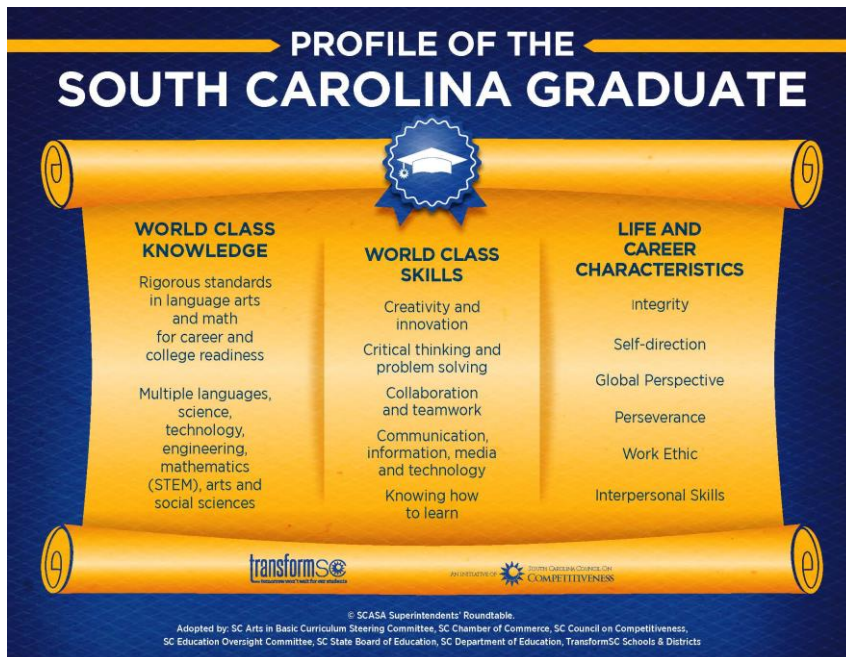


## Vision and Standards for Learning in South Carolina

### The Profile of the South Carolina Graduate and South Carolina Standards

The **Profile of the South Carolina Graduate** presents a vision for every South Carolina high school graduate including the kinds of knowledge, skills, and characteristics that are necessary to succeed in college and/or a career. It was originally developed by *Transform SC*, a coalition of education and business leaders, to serve as a common vision for the state and has since been adopted by the SC Department of Education, the SC State Board of Education, the SC Education Oversight Committee, the SC Association of School Administrators' Roundtable, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness as well as a number of school districts.



### South Carolina's Early Learning Standards

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (SC DSS) developed the Early Learning Standards (ELS) so that teachers and caregivers would have one document that describes the continuum of children's learning and development from birth to age 5. The ELS includes goals and developmental indicators as well as strategies to support growth in each of the following areas: Approaches to Play and Learning, Emotional and Social Development, Health and Physical Development, Language Development and Communication, Mathematical Thinking and Expression, and Cognitive Development.

The ELS document is wonderfully detailed and comprehensive and can be accessed in full online at [SC\\_ELS-second-edit.pdf \(scchildcare.org\)](#). To ensure that this information is also readily accessible to families, CFEC collaborated with DSS and other state agencies to create the *Ready, Set - Kindergarten!* series of six guides – one for each of the six areas covered by the ELS. The guides are based on the ELS for ages 3-5 and are written in family-friendly language with examples of activities families can do at home to support their children’s learning and development. The English language version of the guides can be accessed at [Ready, Set - Kindergarten! | Carolina Family Engagement Center \(sc.gov\)](#).

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### **South Carolina’s K-12 Academic Standards and Family-Friendly Guides to the Standards**

South Carolina sets the College and Career Standards for the K-12 public schools. These standards describe what students need to know and be able to do to be proficient in English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, and other school subjects. It is important that these standards be rigorous to ensure that when students graduate from high school they are truly prepared to succeed in college and/or a career. The quality of school performance and student learning are measured by these standards, and they guide decisions on curriculum and assessments.

South Carolina’s College and Career Standards for grades K-12 can be accessed here. [Standards & Learning - South Carolina Department of Education - 2/1/21 6:13 PM \(sc.gov\)](#). Because the standards can be difficult reading for those who are not professional educators, the Education Oversight Committee created a [Family-Friendly Guide to SC Academic Standards \(scfriendlystandards.org\)](#) that describes the standards using layperson’s language.