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Monday, September 21, 2026,

Ref: Governor McMasters' Metric Proclamation with STEM opportunities for Students & Teachers

To: Principals of South Carolina Schools

Please Share with your District Leaders and/or Math & Science Coordinators

Celebrating Metric Week in South Carolina 2026 (October 4-10) is an especially important opportunity for K-12 students and teachers!

Please announce and encourage your school and/or school district to participate in the many activities offered during Metric Week and year-round activities.
Please forward this valuable resource to your teachers of science, math, or technology.

As you know, companies which eventually employ many of our students are gradually producing products to metric system standards. This means that the *jobs of tomorrow will require employees to be able to use metric units.*

The U.S. is currently 50% metric. We are using a hybrid measuring system: Metric & Customary.

There are **many resources** available for you, your teachers, and students:

Some easy-to-use ideas on celebrating Metric Week are available online at:

1. <http://scacademysci.org> or just type "South Carolina Academy of Science" (click on other, then pick Metric Week)
2. https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/centers_and_institutes/science_education/index.php or type Center for Science Education at University of South Carolina, select Other Resources for Teachers and Students, then click on Metric Week.
3. Check out other programs that the Center for Science Education (CSE) offers, like the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) and SC Region II Science & Engineering Fair. You can access information about all Science Fairs in SC at <http://scacademysci.org> (click on other, then pick Science Fairs).
4. We want you to know the opportunities offered to Teachers and Students by the National Institute of Science & Technology (NIST)
Search: <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/metric-si> , then Metric (SI) and pick.
5. Also, United States Metric Association (USMA) <https://usma.org/> is a good site for information. *Have your students take the T/F quiz at usma.org.

Students, try this and have fun! www.nist.gov/kids

The South Carolina Metric Proclamation is distributed to all public and private schools in South Carolina and is recommended and approved by the South Carolina Academy of Science (SCAS), coordinated with the Office of Metric Programs at the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST), part of the U.S Department of Commerce and the Center for Science Education at USC. Special thanks go to **Governor Henry McMaster** for his support for this worthwhile endeavor.

USMA Metric Scholarship Award for High School Seniors & Teachers

All US high school seniors are eligible to apply for the USMA Metric Scholarship Award. **To apply**, read the student flyer and fill in the student application online.

Do the same for Teachers. Click on: <https://usma.org/>

The USMA Site will be updated on October 1, 2027, for the 2027 National Metric Award

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Attachments:

(1) Cover Letter; (2) Metric Proclamation 2026 (printable version).
(3) National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) (Opportunity for teachers & students) (4) Article by Don Jordan on key facts about the metric systems and how to teach metric to students.

Other documents (5) – (20) on website <http://scacademysci.org>