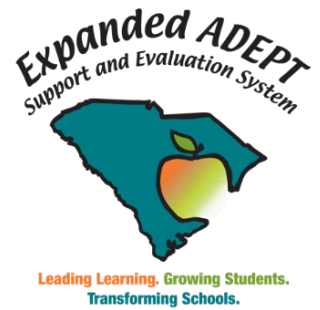# SCTS 4.0 Rubric
Virtual Instruction Training
Free state training sessions on what high-quality virtual teaching looks like and sounds like

Are you transitioning from teaching in-person to teaching in a virtual setting? Are you wondering what virtual instruction and student engagement should look like in this new environment? Are you wondering how to support and coach educators to deliver effective virtual instruction? This change starts with understanding how to plan, transform, and strengthen virtual lessons built upon what educators already know about high-quality teaching and the expectations outlined in the SCTS 4.0 rubric.

The **SCTS Teaching Standards Rubric** paired with NIET's **Virtual Instruction Companion Tool** are two key resources intended to help educators navigate the change. The South Carolina Department of Education and National Institute for Excellence in Teaching are **offering all educators in South Carolina the opportunity to participate in three, 90-minute sessions to learn more about effective virtual teaching practices**. These sessions are **completely free** and will be offered multiple times over the course of 2020-21. Educators will leave these sessions with an understanding of what the SCTS Teaching Standards look like when applied to online teaching; ideas for how to plan, transform, and strengthen virtual lessons; and awareness of how they improve student engagement and increase student growth in a virtual learning environment. There will also be different options for teachers and principals to receive more tailored support based on their role.

Key objectives for each training session are listed below. Objectives will differ slightly for principals.

Session 1: Planning for Virtual
- Examine key differences between planning for traditional face-to-face and virtual learning
- Analyze mindsets that impact planning for virtual learning
- Be able to utilize planning resources and the rubric companion tool for virtual instruction to develop high-quality online lessons

Session 2: Virtual Instruction
- Develop an understanding of what the SCTS Teaching Standards look and sound like in virtual teaching
- Examine how teachers in a virtual setting impact student achievement
- Be able to plan for effective virtual instruction

Session 3: The Virtual Environment
- Analyze how to transition to teaching and learning in the virtual environment
- Understand how to shift an exemplar learning environment to a virtual classroom
- Be able to create and facilitate an effective virtual learning environment

Trainings will be offered multiple times over the course of the year, and educators will receive a certificate when they have completed the series. Dates and a link to register are available on NIET.org.