# STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Instructional Leaders

**FROM:** Dr. Anne Pressley
Director, Office of Standards and Learning

**DATE:** January 4, 2016

**RE:** English Language Arts (ELA) Professional Learning Opportunities for Grades 6–12

The Office of Standards and Learning at the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is hosting an upcoming **free** two-day English language arts series designed to support implementation of the *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts.* These opportunities will be presented using a grade-band structure consisting of the following bands: middle school (6 – 8) and high school (9 – 12). Suggestions for attendees for the grade-band sessions might include, but are not limited to, ELA teachers, coordinators, coaches, lead teachers or department chairs, and administrators responsible for English language arts curricula. CATE, ESOL, special education teachers are also invited to register and participate. Grade-band registration links are available within the announcement attached to this memorandum. Each registrant must use his or her own name and email address for registration.

Please contact the education associate listed below with any questions:
Elementary and Middle Level ELA: Candice Lowman, clowman@ed.sc.gov
Secondary Level ELA : Paula Miller, pmiller@ed.sc.gov

Attachment

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# Middle-Level ELA Professional Learning Opportunity

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a **free** two-day series of professional learning opportunities to further support English language arts (ELA) educators as they implement the *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts*. Middle-level ELA teachers, ESOL, and special education teachers, along with instructional coaches and district-level educators, are invited to participate. At the completion of the two-day institute, learners will design a unit of study that follows the inquiry process. The following learning targets will be the focus of the series:

- I can apply knowledge of the inquiry process.
- I can establish an environment which is conducive to inquiry.
- I can identify ways to select relevant resources.
- I can develop essential questions that guide inquiry.
- I can identify ways to formatively assess students.
- I can integrate the communication, reading-literary text, reading-informational text, and writing standards as well as disciplinary literacy throughout units.

## Locations

| Abbeville | Florence | Summerville |
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| February 2 and March 9, 2016 | February 9 and March 15, 2016 | February 17 and March 17, 2016 |
| Abbeville District Office Board Room<br>400 Greenville Street<br>Abbeville, SC 29620 | Florence 3 District Office Board Room<br>125 South Blanding Street<br>Lake City, SC 29560 | Dorchester 2 District Office Board Room<br>102 Greenwave Blvd.<br>Summerville, SC 29483 |

## Times, Lunch, and Required Materials

All sessions will begin with registration at **8:30 a.m.** and conclude by **3:00 p.m**. Participants should plan to arrive and sign in between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. All participants must have a copy of their confirmation e-mail when they arrive.

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Lunch **will not** be provided; however, a one-hour break will be allotted for lunch.

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**Please bring the following items:** a copy of the confirmation email ("SCDE ELA Professional Learning Opportunity Grades 6-8"), a hard or electronic (pre-downloaded) copy of *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for English/Language Arts*, a writer's notebook, a device that will connect to the Internet, paper, and a writing utensil.

## Registration Deadline

Registration is limited to **50 participants** for each session.

Registration must be submitted online by January 22, 2016, via the following link:
https://scde.formstack.com/forms/15_16elaplo6_8

Registration will **not** be available after January 22, 2016, nor on-site.

Attention District Personnel: Do **NOT** use your e-mail address to register school employees. Each registrant must use his or her own name and e-mail address for registration. Generic registration information (e.g., "Richland 2 Representative") will not be accepted.

For more information about this professional learning opportunity, please contact Candice Lowman, Middle Level ELA Education Associate, via **clowman@ed.sc.gov** or 803.734.0091

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# High School-Level ELA Professional Learning Opportunity

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a **free** two-day series of professional learning opportunities to further support English language arts (ELA) educators as they implement the *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts*. High school-level ELA teachers, ESOL, and special education teachers, along with instructional coaches and district-level educators, are invited to participate. At the completion of the two-day institute, learners will design a unit of study that follows the inquiry process. The following learning targets will be the focus of the series:

- I can apply knowledge of the inquiry process.
- I can establish an environment which is conducive to inquiry.
- I can identify ways to select relevant resources.
- I can develop essential questions that guide inquiry.
- I can identify ways to formatively assess students.
- I can integrate the communication, reading-literary text, reading-informational text, and writing standards as well as disciplinary literacy throughout units.

## Locations

| Laurens | Florence | Walterboro |
|---|---|---|
| February 2 and March 9, 2016 | February 10 and March 16, 2016 | February 17 and March 17, 2016 |
| Laurens District 55 High School Library<br>5058 Hwy 76 West<br>Laurens, SC 29360 | Pee Dee Education Center<br>520 Francis Marion Road<br>Florence, SC 29506 | Colleton County Adult Education Center Boardroom<br>600 Colleton Loop<br>Walterboro, SC 29488 |

## Times, Lunch, and Required Materials

All sessions will begin with registration at **8:30 a.m.** and conclude by **3:00 p.m**. Participants should plan to arrive and sign in between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. All participants must have a copy of their confirmation email when they arrive.

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Lunch **will not** be provided; however, a one-hour break will be allotted for lunch.

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**Please bring the following items:** a copy of the confirmation e-mail ("SCDE ELA Professional Learning Opportunity Grades 9-12"), a hard or electronic (pre-downloaded) copy of *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for English/Language Arts*, a writer's notebook, a device that will connect to the Internet, paper, and a writing utensil.

## Registration Deadline

Registration is limited to **50 participants** for each session.

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Registration must be submitted online by January 22, 2016, via the following link:
https://scde.formstack.com/forms/sprgelaplo16

Registration will **not** be available after January 22, 2016, nor on-site.

Attention District Personnel: Do **NOT** use your e-mail address to register school employees. Each registrant must use his or her own name and e-mail address for registration. Generic registration information (e.g., "Richland 2 Representative") will not be accepted.

For more information about this professional learning opportunity, please contact Paula Miller, Secondary ELA Education Associate, via **pmiller@ed.sc.gov** or 803.734.5014