



**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:** March 16, 2016

**RE:** English Language Arts Professional Learning Opportunities

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer six virtual English Language Arts (ELA) professional learning opportunities 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 (6–8) and secondary (9–12). Suggestions for attendees for the grade-band sessions might include, but are not limited to, ELA teachers, coordinators, instructional coaches, lead teachers, and department chairs. ESOL, CATE, and Exceptional Children educators are also invited to register and participate.

There is no registration required for these professional learning opportunities. Please see the attached announcement for more information about accessing the sessions.

Please contact the education associates listed below with any questions:

Elementary and Middle Level ELA: Candice Lowman, [clowman@ed.sc.gov](mailto:clowman@ed.sc.gov)

Secondary Level ELA: Paula Miller, [pmiller@ed.sc.gov](mailto:pmiller@ed.sc.gov)

## Secondary ELA Professional Learning Opportunity Summer 2016

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer six virtual English Language Arts (ELA) professional learning opportunities 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 (6–8) and secondary (9–12). Suggestions for attendees for the grade-band sessions might include, but are not limited to, ELA teachers, coordinators, instructional coaches, lead teachers, and department chairs, as well as administrators responsible for ELA curricula. ESOL, CATE, and Exceptional Children educators are also invited to register and participate.

If this is your first time participating in a Blackboard Collaborate virtual meeting, please visit the webpage posted below and read through the configuration steps outlined on the left side of the page to ensure your computer is set up to work smoothly with the audio equipment and the Blackboard Collaborate software:

<http://scde.mrooms.org/mod/page/view.php?id=168954>

To join the online session, click on the link provided below 15 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting time. The sessions will be recorded and posted with materials on the Office of Standards and Learning website via <http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/english-language-arts/professional-learning-opportunities/archive-ela-professional-learning-opportunities/>.

Session	Date	Time	Link
Writing: Integrating Writing Progressions	June 14, 2016	10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<a href="https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.8C85AEC67E4BF927DC1CB44C828AB4">https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.8C85AEC67E4BF927DC1CB44C828AB4</a>
Interdisciplinary Literacy	June 14, 2016	2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<a href="https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.9F227B164204EF76727E78D9A4A0B7">https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.9F227B164204EF76727E78D9A4A0B7</a>
Inquiry Standards	June 15, 2016	10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<a href="https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.C70D9504BE25605C0538D2F73BE966">https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.C70D9504BE25605C0538D2F73BE966</a>
Reading-Literary Text Standards	June 15, 2016	2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<a href="https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.A92F57811ED78E32BE370639F2D1CF">https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.A92F57811ED78E32BE370639F2D1CF</a>
Reading-Informational Text Standards	June 22, 2016	10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<a href="https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.74237826B1F118420644B78A164630">https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.74237826B1F118420644B78A164630</a>
Communication Standards	June 22, 2016	2:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m.	<a href="https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.571B5F473DD31746BD7443F44C2F30">https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2013163&amp;password=M.571B5F473DD31746BD7443F44C2F30</a>

For more information about this professional learning opportunity, please contact Paula Miller, Secondary ELA Education Associate, via [pmiller@ed.sc.gov](mailto:pmiller@ed.sc.gov) or 803.734.5014.