



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent
Division of College and Career Readiness

DATE: January 4, 2016

RE: Selection of the State Panel for the Review and Revision of the *South Carolina Academic Standards for American Sign Language 2009*

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is organizing a cyclical review of the *South Carolina Academic Standards for American Sign Language (ASL)*. As part of this process, the SCDE will appoint a panel to review the current standards and to recommend revisions. The review will focus on the alignment of the current ASL standards with those of the 2013 *South Carolina Standard for World Language Proficiency*.

I am asking for your assistance in identifying members for the state panel by sharing the following information with district staff. To be considered for the panel, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Panel members must be recognized as experts in the field of ASL (taught or supervised for at least three years).
- Applicants must complete the attached application which includes approval to participate from their district superintendent or immediate supervisor.

Every effort will be made to ensure demographic and geographic areas of the state are represented. Applications should be sent to Ruta Couet, SCDE Education Associate for World Languages, by email (rcouet@ed.sc.gov) or fax (803-734-8388) no later than 5:00 p.m. January 11, 2016.

Selected panel members will receive a letter of invitation to serve on the revision panel at the end of January. Panel members will be expected to review closely the current standards and to offer suggestions at scheduled meetings. Panel members will be reimbursed for travel, hotel accommodations, and substitute teachers for meetings according to state guidelines. Lunch will also be provided.

Thank you for assisting the SCDE in this task. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Ruta Couet at (803) 734-8383 or rcouet@ed.sc.gov.