



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Instructional Leaders
Council of Arts Education Presidents
Arts Coordinators

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

DATE: January 12, 2016

RE: Selection of the State Standards Writing Team of the *2010 South Carolina Academic Standards for Visual and Performing Arts*

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is organizing a Standards Writing Team for the revision of the *2010 South Carolina Academic Standards for the Visual and Performing Arts*. The writing team will realign our current standards based on research and best practices in the field. This year we will also be writing new standards for Design. Applications will be accepted for standards writing in the following arts areas: Design, Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, Media Arts, General Music, Choral Music, and Instrumental Music.

I am asking for your assistance in identifying members for the state writing team by sharing the following information with the greater arts education community. To be considered for the writing team, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Writing Team members must be recognized as experts in the field of Visual and Performing Arts (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.

Selected panel members will receive a letter of invitation to serve on the writing team at the end of March. Writing Team 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. Every effort will be made to ensure demographic and geographic areas of the state are represented.

Thank you for assisting the SCDE in this task. Candidates must apply [online](#) by Monday, February 29th at 5:00 pm. Contact Carrie Ann Power, Education Associate for the Visual and Performing Arts, at cpower@ed.sc.gov with any questions.