



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 14, 2020

RE: Secondary English Language Arts Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2020

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning opportunity designed to focus on working through the progression of foundational literacy skills in the secondary English language arts classroom.

Participation in this series will afford attendees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the *South Carolina College-and Career-Ready Standards* through the following:

- learning experiences aligned with the *Fundamentals of Reading, Writing, and Communication*;
- collaborative practices that integrate critical thinking and problem solving skills into literacy practices;
- analysis of student work to create learning pathways that provide student voice and choice over their learning; and
- examination of best practices and responsive teaching through differentiated literacy instruction.

Throughout this series, participants will refine their practice through ongoing virtual and face-to-face sessions designed to support their application of new knowledge in the classroom and their evaluation of its impact on student learning.

Participants must participate in all face-to-face and virtual meetings. Certificates of completion for 23 hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

Dates and Locations:

Links to live virtual meetings will be emailed to registered participants.

Statewide Virtual Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	Tuesday, February 11	4:00–5:00 p.m.
	Monday, May 18	4:00–5:00 p.m.

Location 1: Face-to- Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Charleston	Tuesday, Feb 11	Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum 40 Patriots Point Road Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Monday, March 23	Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum 40 Patriots Point Road Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Monday, April 20	Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum 40 Patriots Point Road Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Orangeburg	Wednesday, Feb 19	Orangeburg County School District Nelson C. Nix Center of Excellence Clyburn Center 770 Stilton Road Orangeburg, SC 29115 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 25	Orangeburg County School District Nelson C. Nix Center of Excellence Clyburn Center 770 Stilton Road Orangeburg, SC 29115 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 22	Orangeburg County School District Nelson C. Nix Center of Excellence Clyburn Center 770 Stilton Road Orangeburg, SC 29115 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 3: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Spartanburg	Monday, Feb 24	Spartanburg District 3 Administration Office – Board Room 3535 Clifton Glendale Rd Spartanburg, SC 29307 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, April 9	Spartanburg District 3 Administration Office – Board Room 3535 Clifton Glendale Rd Spartanburg, SC 29307 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Friday, May 1	Spartanburg District 3 Administration Office – Board Room 3535 Clifton Glendale Rd Spartanburg, SC 29307 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

General Information

All face-to-face sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants should bring device for electronic work, paper/notebook, and a printed or digital copy of the *College- and Career-Ready Standards*. Participants will have a one-hour lunch break.

Registration

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close by Monday, February 3, 2020.

Contact Information

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