



## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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#### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Instructional Leaders

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

**DATE:** April 30, 2019

**RE:** Secondary English Language Arts Professional Learning Opportunity:  
Summer/Fall 2019

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning summer/fall institute designed to cultivate a professional learning community of language arts educators who will be prepared to use the *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts* in the classroom. This series is made up of the summer institute in July, a virtual and a face-to-face session in the fall of 2019.

Participation in this series will afford attendees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding through the following:

- engaging in literacy learning experiences around the complexity of text; and
- designing instructional practices to support the integration of diverse texts.

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

Participants must participate in all three days of the summer institute, the one-hour virtual session, and the two face-to-face regional sessions. Certificates of completion for 29 hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

**Dates and Locations**

<b>Location: Face-to-Face Summer Institute</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
Columbia, SC	Tuesday-Thursday July 16–18	SC Department of Archives & History 8301 Parklane Road Wachovia Room Columbia, SC 29223 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

<b>Statewide Virtual Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	As needed throughout series	4:00–5:00 p.m.

<b>Location: Face-to-Face Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
Regional locations will be based on participant registration	Tuesday, September 24	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Regional locations will be based on participant registration	Wednesday, September 25	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Regional locations will be based on participant registration	Thursday, September 26	TBD 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**Travel Reimbursement**

Districts will be reimbursed for hotel and mileage at the state per diem for any participant that meets state travel guidelines during the summer institute only.

### **General Information**

Each session 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 an electronic device to connect to the internet, a notebook and writing utensil, and a printed or digital copy of the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts (only the applicable course levels, not the entire document) to each face-to-face meeting. Lunch will be provided for the summer institute days.

The yearlong series face-to-face sessions will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Participants should plan to arrive and sign in between 8:30–8:45 a.m. each day. Lunch will not be provided for these sessions, but time will be allotted for a lunch break.

### **Registration**

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close on Monday, July 8.

### **Contact Information**

For more information concerning this series of professional learning, please contact LaTonya McNeill, Education Associate for High School English Language Arts, via [lmcneill@ed.sc.gov](mailto:lmcneill@ed.sc.gov) or 803-734-5014.