



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 16, 2019

RE: K–5 English Language Arts Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2019

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning opportunity designed to focus on the following aspects of reading: read alouds, guided reading, shared reading, and independent reading.

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

- developing an understanding of best practices in reading;
- using close reading, interactive read alouds, conferring, and mini-lessons to support text dependent analysis; and
- experiencing the process of reading and writing for a text dependent analysis (TDA) that includes the analysis of students' work to gather data to inform planning.

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 29 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 Meeting	Date	Location and Time
	Wednesday, May 2	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Orangeburg	Thursday, January 31	Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five James E. Clyburn Community Empowerment Center 770 Stilton Road Orangeburg, SC 29115 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, February 28	
	Thursday, March 14	
	Wednesday, March 27	
Florence	Wednesday, February 27	Florence School District One Innovation Center 1101 Cheraw Drive Florence, SC 29501 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 20	
	Thursday, April 4	
	Thursday, April 18	
Summerville	Friday, February 1	Reeves Elementary School 1003 Dubose School Rd. Summerville, SC 29483 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Friday, March 1	Newington Elementary School 10 King Charles Circle Summerville, SC 29485 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Friday, March 29	
	Friday, April 12	Spann Elementary 901 John McKissick Way Summerville, SC 29483 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 paper/notebook and a printed or digital copy of the *College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts*. 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 on **January 29, 2019**.

Contact Information

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