



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: Middle Level 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 connections between integrating inquiry, reading, writing, and communication standards to more effectively convey ideas.

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:

- improving stamina and passion for independent and choice reading;
- building close-reading strategies to increase students' transaction with texts; and
- developing text-analysis skills with independent and choice reading.

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.

Location 1: Virtual Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	Wednesday, January 30	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
	Thursday, May 9	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Lexington	Thursday, February 7	Lexington County Library 5440 Augusta Road Lexington, SC 29072 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 6	
	Wednesday, April 10	

Location 2: Virtual Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	Wednesday, January 30	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
	Thursday, May 9	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Walterboro	Wednesday, February 13	Colleton Adult Education Center Boardroom 609 Colleton Loop Walterboro, SC 29488 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 13	
	Wednesday, May 1	

Location 3: Virtual Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	Wed., January 30, 2019	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
	Thursday, May 9, 2019	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Location 3: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Florence	Tuesday, February 12	Pee Dee Educational Center 520 Francis Marion Road Florence, SC 29506 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, March 12	
	Tuesday, April 30	

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 will have a one-hour lunch break.

Participants must bring the following to all face-to-face sessions:

- paper/notebook;
- a device that will enable the participant to access and work in online documents; and
- a printed or digital copy of the *College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts*.

Registration

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close on Wednesday, January 30.

Contact Information

For more information, please contact Anne Shealy, Education Associate for Middle Level English Language Arts via ashealy@ed.sc.gov.