



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

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

DATE: May 12, 2020

RE: Selection of the State Standards Writing Committee for the *2015 South Carolina Academic Standards for English Language Arts*

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is organizing a State Standards Writing Committee for the revision of the *2015 South Carolina Academic Standards for English Language Arts* as part of the Cyclical Review process. The role of the committee is to develop a draft of revised academic standards aligned with research and best practices in the field to be approved for adoption by the South Carolina Board of Education.

I am asking for your assistance in identifying members for the State Standards Writing Committee by sharing the following information with district English Language Arts (ELA) education coordinators, principals, department chairs, literacy leaders, and the greater ELA education community. To be considered for the State Standards Writing Committee, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- State Standards Writing Committee members must be recognized as master teachers or experts in the field of English Language Arts (taught or supervised for at least three years).
- Applicants must complete the linked application which includes approval to participate from their district superintendent or immediate supervisor. It is advised that applicants review the application for necessary requirements prior to completing the form.

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Selected applicants will receive a letter of invitation to serve on the State Standards Writing Committee in August 2020. The State Standards Writing Committee will hold its first meeting on in May, 2021. The majority of the meetings will occur during the summer of 2021. Writing members will receive an honorarium, 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.

The application will open May 12, 2020. Candidates must apply via the [application link](#) no later than Friday, September 11, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for assisting the SCDE in this task. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Cindy Oxford at coxford@ed.sc.gov, Nita Lyda at jlyda@ed.sc.gov, or Dawn Hawkins at dhawkins@ed.sc.gov.