



**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:** Gifted and Talented Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2020

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning opportunity designed to focus on Pedagogies and Strategies that Enhance Learning in Gifted and Talented Classrooms.

Participation in this series will afford attendees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the *Gifted and Talented Best Practices Guidelines* as well as an understanding of how the *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards* support gifted education through the following:

- exploring the relationship between social emotional learning and student growth and achievement;
- applying physiological theories that inform teacher beliefs, behaviors, and instructional practices;
- creating safe classroom environments that lead to the development of students' social and emotional learning; and
- developing instructional strategies to enhance and develop students' pro-social competencies.

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 22 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
	Thursday, May 28	3:30–4:30 p.m.

Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	Monday, March 16	Horry County District Office Conference Room A151 335 Four Mile Road Conway, SC 29526  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Monday, April 27	Horry County District Office Conference Room A151 335 Four Mile Road Conway, SC 29526  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Monday, May 11	Horry County District Office Conference Room A151 335 Four Mile Road Conway, SC 29526  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

<b>Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	Friday, February 28	Discovery School PD Room #13 302 W. Dunlap St. Lancaster, SC 29720  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 2	Discovery School PD Room #13 302 W. Dunlap St. Lancaster, SC 29720  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, May 13	Discovery School PD Room #13 302 W. Dunlap St. Lancaster, SC 29720  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

<b>Location 3: Face-to-Face Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	Wednesday, February 26	Daniel Morgan Technology Center 201 Zion Hill Road Spartanburg, SC 29307  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 29	Daniel Morgan Technology Center 201 Zion Hill Road Spartanburg, SC 29307  9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, May 21	Daniel Morgan Technology Center 201 Zion Hill Road 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 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 February 19, 2020.

**Contact Information**

For more information, please contact Josie Stratton, Education Associate for GT/AP/IB via [jstratton@ed.sc.gov](mailto:jstratton@ed.sc.gov).