



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: Gifted and Talented Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2019

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning opportunity designed to assist districts in implementing talent development strategies and lessons in the classroom. It is highly recommended that District Gifted and Talented Coordinators bring a team of participants that may include teachers, instructional coaches, and administrators who interact with Gifted and Talented students from a variety of levels.

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:

- engaging students through talent development lessons;
- creating talent development lessons that are springboards for standards-based instruction;
- serving underrepresented populations; and
- identification through talent development.

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
	Wednesday, May 1	3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings Orangeburg	Date	Location and Time
	Friday, February 28	Orangeburg District Five Nelson C. Nix Center of Excellence 770 Stilton Road Orangeburg, SC 29115
	Thursday, March 21	
	Thursday, April 4	
		9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings Florence	Date	Location and Time
	Tuesday, February 12	Florence Innovation Center 1400 Woods Road Florence, SC 29501
	Thursday, March 7	
	Thursday, April 9	
		9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 3: Face-to-Face Meetings Rock Hill	Date	Location and Time
	Wednesday, February 6	Saluda Trail Middle School 2300 Saluda Rd. Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730
	Monday, February 25	
	Monday, March 25	
		9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 4: Face-to-Face Meetings Anderson	Date	Location and Time
	Wednesday, February 27	Anderson 1 & 2 Adult Ed. Tr. Career & Technology Center 702 Belton Highway Williamston, SC 29697
	Thursday, March 28	
	Thursday, April 11	
		9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

General Information

Sign-in for face-to-face meetings will begin thirty minutes prior to the start time. Participants should bring electronic device to access current academic 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 Friday, February 1.

Contact Information

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