



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Instructional Leaders
World Language District Contacts

FROM: Llewellyn Shealy
Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

DATE: May 23, 2023

RE: K–12 Immersion Institute Professional Learning Opportunity

The Office of Assessment and Standards will offer a free in-person institute for immersion teachers and administrators. This hands-on institute will afford participants an opportunity to explore ways to support immersion learners in the mastery of content, as well as deepen their understanding of the *South Carolina Standards for World Language Proficiency*.

Participation in this series will also afford attendees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding through the following:

- application of guiding principles and foundational practices;
- adaptation of instructional strategies to assist in teaching for biliteracy;
- reflection on learner progress and educator practice; and
- creation of action plans for implementation in the coming school year.

Participants must participate in both days of the two-day institute in order to receive credit. Certificates of completion for 12 hours (teachers) and 12 hours (administrators) will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the Immersion Institute 2023.

Dates and Locations:

Attendance is required on both days. Institute dates are not available in isolation.

Attendees	Dates	Location and Time
Administrators & Teachers	Thursday, June 8 – Friday, June 9	East Point Academy Elementary Campus 1043 Chris Drive West Columbia, SC 29169

General Information for All Participants

All sessions in the series will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants must bring an electronic device to connect to the internet, a notebook, and a writing utensil. Lunch will be provided each day.

General Information for Administrators

All administrators must attend sessions on June 8-9.

Administrators will experience combined workshop sessions pertaining to all administration groups, as well as their choice of teacher group sessions. Each individual's work will be geared toward continual development of a product and a plan for application of new learning.

Key topics may include but are not limited to the following:

- Growing and Sustaining a Strong DLI Program
- Best Practices & Data Informed Strategic Planning

General Information for Teachers

All teachers must attend sessions on June 8-9.

Teachers will register for and prepare to participate in **one** of the following teacher groups:

- Novice Teachers Group (1–3 years immersion teacher experience)
- Intermediate & Advanced Teachers Group (4+ years immersion teacher experience)

Key topics may include but are not limited to the following:

- Quality Assurances: Foundational Practices
- Proficiency Growth Through Foundational Practices
- Language and Literacy Strategies: Integrating Language and Content
- Unit and Lesson Planning: Targeting Proficiency Outcomes and Using Data to Inform Instructional Practices

Registration

Participants must register individually via [this registration link](#). Registration for this professional learning opportunity will close **by Friday, June 2nd.**

Contact Information

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