

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Principals

FROM: Kristi D. Austin, PhD
Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

DATE: June 30, 2026

RE: Office of Assessment and Standards Regional Elementary ELA and Social Studies
Professional Learning Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Assessment and Standards (OAS) will offer, at no cost, two one-day, professional learning opportunities (PLO) for teams of elementary teachers. Each team should include one third-grade, one fourth-grade, and one fifth-grade teacher from a school or the district. Districts may send multiple teams if space allows. The same team must attend both the fall and winter sessions.

This regional PLO series will use the English Language Arts High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) to provide teachers with effective strategies for integrating reading and writing across the ELA and social studies content areas.

Participants should arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and bring a device. All sessions will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break on your own.

Registration must be submitted in advance via [the linked online registration form](#). Spaces are limited. Confirmation emails will be sent after registration closes.

Location	Dates	Deadline to Register
Kershaw Woolard Technology Center 70 Innovation Way Camden, SC 29020	Session 1: September 29, 2026 Session 2: January 13, 2027	September 10, 2026
Darlington Darlington County Virtual Academy 214 Clyde Road Hartsville, SC 29550	Session 1: September 30, 2026 Session 2: January 27, 2027	September 10, 2026
Laurens 55 Laurens County School District 55 Training Room 301 Hillcrest Drive Laurens, SC 29360	Session 1: October 1, 2026 Session 2: January 19, 2027	September 14, 2026
Beaufort DESC Media Center 2900 Mink Point BLVD Beaufort, SC 29902	Session 1: October 13, 2026 Session 2: February 2, 2027	September 18, 2026
Oconee Horton Room Hamilton Career and Technology Center 445 Oconee Business Parkway Westminster, SC 29693	Session 1: October 20, 2026 Session 2: January 26, 2027	September 21, 2026
Aiken Six Points Learning Center 130 Avery Lane Aiken, SC 29801	Session 1: October 21, 2026 Session 2: February 10, 2027	September 21, 2026

Please contact Rebecca Rundlett at rrundlett@ed.sc.gov with any questions.