

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Principals

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

DATE: February 24, 2026

RE: Spring 2026 Social Studies Professional Learning Offerings

The Social Studies Team is excited to announce these upcoming webinar sessions for the spring. Please see our [professional learning opportunities webpage](#) for more details as the year unfolds.

Webinar offerings are below:

Elementary S.S. 101: An Introduction to K-5 Social Studies Standards and Resources Session Time: 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Audience: K-5 Teachers Description: This session will explore and familiarize participants with the 2019 SS CCR Standards document and how to access basic resources. This includes standard decoding, an overview of historical thinking skills, themes, and content, as well as resources for building background knowledge of content. Date: March 3, 2026 Registration Link for March 3, 2026	Elementary, my Dear Washington: Primary and Secondary Sources in Elementary Classrooms Session Time: 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Audience: K-5 Teachers Description: This session focuses on identifying, locating, adapting, and utilizing primary and secondary sources in participants' classrooms. Date: March 17, 2026 Registration Link for March 17, 2026
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Comparison in Elementary Social Studies Session Time: 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Audience: K-5 Teachers Description: This session will explore the historical thinking skill of comparison in elementary S.S. Date: April 21, 2026 Registration Link for April 21, 2026	Continuity and Change in Elementary Social Studies Session Time: 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Audience: K-5 Teachers Description: This session will explore the historical thinking skill of continuity and change in elementary S.S. Date: May 19, 2026 Registration link for May 19, 2026
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For questions or more information about the above sessions, contact Reece Spradley at rcspradley@ed.sc.gov.