



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Middle-Level ELA Professional Learning Opportunity

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a **free, blended professional learning opportunity** that consists of two face-to-face meetings on the dates listed below as well as virtual work via Blackboard before, during, and after the two face-to-face meetings. This professional learning opportunity is created to further support English language arts (ELA) educators as they implement the *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts*. Middle-level ELA teachers, ESOL, and special education teachers, along with instructional coaches and district-level educators, are invited to participate. Certificates of completion for 30 hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

Participants will

- design a unit of study which will contain performance tasks and text-dependent analysis;
- apply knowledge of the inquiry process;
- identify ways to formatively assess students; and
- integrate the communication, reading-literary text, reading-informational text, and writing standards as well as disciplinary literacy throughout units.

Fall 2016 Face-to-Face Locations & Dates			
Day 1	Wednesday, October 5, 2016	Wednesday, October 12, 2016	Wednesday, October 19, 2016
	Colleton Adult Education Center 609 Colleton Loop Walterboro, SC 29488	Alice Drive Middle School 40 Miller Road Sumter, SC 29150	Fairfield District Office 1226 US Highway 321 Bypass Winnsboro, SC 29180
Day 2	Wednesday, November 2, 2016	Wednesday, November 9, 2016	Wednesday, November 16, 2016
	Colleton Adult Education Center 609 Colleton Loop Walterboro, SC 29488	Alice Drive Middle School 40 Miller Road Sumter, SC 29150	Fairfield District Office 1226 US Highway 321 Bypass Winnsboro, SC 29180

Spring 2017 Face-to-Face Locations & Dates			
Day 1	Wednesday, February 1, 2017	Wednesday, February 8, 2017	Wednesday, February 15, 2017
	Anderson 2 District Office 10990 Belton Honea Path Highway Honea Path, SC 29654	Lancaster District Office 300 South Catawba Street Lancaster, SC 29720	Strom Thurmond High School Athletic Field House 1131 Columbia Road Johnson, SC 29832
Day 2	Wednesday, March 1, 2017	Wednesday, March 8, 2017	Wednesday, March 15, 2017
	Anderson 2 District Office 10990 Belton Honea Path Highway Honea Path, SC 29654	Lancaster District Office 300 South Catawba Street Lancaster, SC 29720	Strom Thurmond High School Athletic Field House 1131 Columbia Road Johnson, SC 29832



Times, Lunch, and Required Materials

- **Times:** All sessions will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m.
- **Lunch:** Lunch is not provided; however, a one-hour break will be allotted for lunch.
- **Required Materials:** A hard or electronic (pre-downloaded) copy of *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts*, a writer's notebook, a device that will connect to the Internet, paper, and a writing utensil are required.

Registration Information & Deadline for 2016 Fall Sessions

- Registration is limited to **50 participants** for each session.
- Registration must be submitted online by September 1, 2016 via the following link or QR code:
https://scde.formstack.com/forms/2016_fall_middle_ela



- Registration will be available neither after September 1, 2016, nor on-site.
- Attention District Personnel: Each registration must include an identified individual's name and email address. Generic registration information (e.g., "Anderson District Representative") with an administrator's email will not be accepted.

Registration Information & Deadline for 2017 Spring Sessions

- Participants must attend both sessions.
- Registration is limited to **50 participants** for each session.
- Registration must be submitted online by January 5, 2017, via the following link or QR code:
https://scde.formstack.com/forms/2017_spring_middle_ela



- Registration will be available neither after January 5, 2017, nor on-site.
- Attention District Personnel: Each registration must include an identified individual's name and email address. Generic registration information (e.g., "Anderson District Representative") with an administrator's email will not be accepted.

For more information about this free, two-day series of professional learning opportunities, please contact Candice Lowman, Middle-Level ELA Education Associate, via clowman@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-0091.