



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders

FROM: Dr. Anne Pressley
Director, Office of Standards and Learning

DATE: August 4, 2017

RE: Elementary Visual and Performing Arts Professional Learning Opportunity: Fall 2017

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a **free, hybrid professional learning opportunity** that consists of three (3) face-to-face meetings as well as virtual work and two (2) live virtual meetings. This professional learning opportunity is offered to support **elementary arts educators** as they work through the bridge year implementing the new College- and Career-Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency. Elementary arts educators and district arts coordinators are invited to participate.

Participants must attend all face-to-face meetings and live virtual meetings. Participants must also complete all virtual work throughout the professional learning opportunity. Certificates of completion for **24 contact hours** will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

During this professional learning opportunity, participants will

- **examine** the terminology of the new *College- and Career-Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency*;
- **identify** key concepts, knowledge and skills found in the benchmarks and indicators.
- **understand** how to use benchmarks to set learning targets for grade levels; and
- **collaborate** with peers to create a unit of instruction using the new standards.

Dates and Locations

Links to live virtual meetings will be sent out directly to registered participants.

Statewide Virtual Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	Thursday, September 21	3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, October 26	3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	Monday, September 11	<p style="text-align: center;">Aiken Aiken County School District Byrd Learning Center 1 Willis Circle Graniteville, South Carolina 29829 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</p>
	Monday, October 16	<p style="text-align: center;">Aiken Aiken County School District Byrd Learning Center 1 Willis Circle Graniteville, South Carolina 29829 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</p>
	Monday, November 13	<p style="text-align: center;">Aiken Aiken County School District Byrd Learning Center 1 Willis Circle Graniteville, South Carolina 29829 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</p>

Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	Thursday, September 7	<p align="center">Florence Florence District One Poynor Adult Education Center 301 South Dargan Street Florence, South Carolina 29506 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</p>
	Thursday, October 12	<p align="center">Florence Florence District One Poynor Adult Education Center 301 South Dargan Street Florence, South Carolina 29506 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</p>
	Thursday, November 16	<p align="center">Florence Florence District One Poynor Adult Education Center 301 South Dargan Street Florence, South Carolina 29506 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</p>

Location 3: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	Wednesday, September 6	<p align="center">Spartanburg Chapman Cultural Arts Center 200 E. Saint John Street Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
	Tuesday, October 10	<p align="center">Spartanburg Chapman Cultural Arts Center 200 E. Saint John Street Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</p>
	Wednesday, November 15	<p align="center">Spartanburg Chapman Cultural Arts Center 200 E. Saint John Street Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</p>

General Information

All face-to-face sessions will begin **promptly** at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. Participants should plan to arrive and sign in between 8:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. All participants must bring a laptop, notebook, and a printed copy of their new content area standards (*South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency*) to each face-to-face meeting. Participants **must bring lunch** – the 30-minute lunch break will not allow participants sufficient time to leave the site.

Registration

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close by **August 25, 2017**. On-site registration will not be available.

Contact Information

For more information concerning this series of professional learning, please contact Carrie Ann Power, Visual and Performing Arts Education Associate, via cpower@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-0323.