



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: ELA Professional Learning Opportunity: Fall 2017

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning opportunity that consists of two face-to-face meetings as well as virtual work and two live virtual meetings. This professional learning opportunity is created to support grades three through five English Language Arts (ELA) educators as they implement the *2015 SC College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts* through text dependent analysis. Grades three through five, English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and special education teachers along with administrators, instructional coaches, and district level educators 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 20 hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

During this professional learning opportunity, participants will

- develop an understanding of best practices in reading;
- use close reading, interactive read alouds, conferring and mini-lessons to support text dependent analysis; and
- experience the process of reading and writing for a text dependent analysis (TDA) that includes the analysis of students' work to gather data to inform planning. Teachers will

use student work to develop a plan to improve student achievement in reading and writing. Teachers will use student work samples to reflect on their practices.

Dates and Locations: Grades 3–5

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

Virtual Session 1	Date	Location and Time
	August 31, 2017	4:00–5:00 p.m.

Face-to-Face Sessions	Date	Location and Time
	September 12, 2017 and October 31, 2017	Abbeville County School District 400 Greenville Street Abbeville, SC 29620 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
	September 21, 2017 and October 24, 2017	Darlington County School District 120 East Smith Street Darlington, SC 29532 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Optional Virtual Office Hours	Date	Location and Time
	September 27, 2017	3:00–5:00 p.m.

Virtual Session 2	Date	Location and Time
	November 15, 2017	4:00–5:00 p.m.

General Information

All face-to-face sessions will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Participants should plan to arrive and register between 8:30–8:45 a.m. All participants must bring paper/notebook, a printed or digital copy of the *College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts* (grade level - not the entire document) and student writing samples to each face-to-face meeting. Participants will have a one hour lunch break.

Registration

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close by **August 18, 2017**.

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Contact Information

For more information concerning this series of professional learning, please contact Cindy Oxford, Education Association for Elementary ELA, via email address coxford@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-8101.