



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

**DATE:** May 18, 2018  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **K-12 English Language Arts Standards of Learning Institutes**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce the K-12 English Language Arts Standards of Learning (SOL) Institutes to be held in October-November 2018 at six sites throughout the Commonwealth. These are professional development opportunities provided by the state to support and enhance the implementation of 2017 *English Standards of Learning*.

K-12 English Language Arts SOL Institutes will utilize a train-the-trainer model to provide professional development training that focuses on the integration of the strands of the 2017 *English Standards of Learning*: reading, writing, research, communication, and multimodal literacies. Participants will attend a general session featuring the Library of Congress and four different concurrent breakout sessions with either an elementary or secondary focus.

**Registration:**

The Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech will manage registration. **Each division superintendent or designee should identify a division-level contact who will identify and register the five participants from the division among:** (1) English Language Arts supervisor, (1) elementary teacher, (1) middle school teacher, (1) high school teacher, and (1) Special Education Coordinator or teacher. **The registration link will be directly emailed to each English division-level contact and confirmation of each team's registration will be emailed to the same contact. Once each school division has registered their team, the registration link will be published on the VDOE website in order to open registration for all.** In an effort to go paperless, all program materials for the English SOL Institutes will be available on the Internet cloud, and program materials for all six Institutes will be made available to all participants. Internet access will be available at all the Institutes. Participants need to bring their own devices. School division teams should select only one site among the six offered at the following locations:

- October 1  
[Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center](#) ➔  
1 Partnership Circle  
Abingdon, Virginia 24210  
**Online registration will close September 17, 2018.**
- October 2  
[Wytheville Meeting Center](#) ➔  
333 Community Boulevard  
Wytheville, Virginia 24382  
**Online registration will close September 18, 2018.**
- October 11  
[Newport News Marriott at City Center](#) ➔  
740 Town Center Drive

Newport News, Virginia 23606

**Online registration will end September 27, 2018.**

- October 18  
[Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa](#) ➔  
12042 West Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23223  
**Online registration will end October 4, 2018.**
- October 29  
[Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center](#) ➔  
24 S. Market Street  
Staunton, Virginia 24401  
**Online registration will end October 15, 2018.**
- November 14  
[Hyatt Dulles](#) ➔  
2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard  
Herndon, Virginia 20171  
**Online registration will close October 31, 2018.**

## **Lodging:**

School divisions are encouraged to cover lodging and travel expenses for division participants for the training Institutes, as the cost is not assumed by the VDOE.

Questions regarding registration should be directed to Teresa McCoy, Conference Registrar, Office of Continuing and Professional Education, at Virginia Tech by email at [teresas@vt.edu](mailto:teresas@vt.edu) ✉ or by telephone at (540) 231-8220. Questions regarding the K-12 English Language Arts SOL Institutes should be directed to Tracy Fair Robertson, English Coordinator, by email at [Tracy.Robertson@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Tracy.Robertson@doe.virginia.gov) ✉ or by telephone at (804) 371-7585; Jill Nogueras, English/History and Social Science Specialist, by email at [Jill.Nogueras@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Jill.Nogueras@doe.virginia.gov) ✉ or by telephone at (804) 225-3696; or Crystal Midlik, Elementary English and Reading Specialist, by email at [Crystal.Midlik@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Crystal.Midlik@doe.virginia.gov) ✉ or by telephone at (804) 225-3203.

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