



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: June 15, 2018
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: K-12 History and Social Science Standards of Learning Institutes

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce the K-12 History and Social Science Standards of Learning (SOL) Institutes to be held in August, October, and November 2018 at six sites throughout the Commonwealth. These are professional development opportunities provided by the state to support the full implementation of 2015 *History and Social Science Standards of Learning*.

The K-12 History and Social Science SOL Institutes will utilize a train-the-trainer model to provide professional development that will focus on:

- realigning instructional and assessment resources; and
- rethinking and revising past instructional and assessment practices; and
- using the common rubric for instruction and assessment.

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 a team** from the division among: (1) History and Social Science supervisor (or contact), (1) elementary teacher, (1) middle school teacher, (1) high school teacher, and (2) Special Education teachers. Confirmation of the registration will be emailed to the participant. The division-level contact may use the following link to [register](#) ➔ the team online. Participants beyond the division team will be selected after representation from **all** school divisions are confirmed. This link will be shared on the VDOE [website](#) ➔ mid-July. In an effort to reduce paper, program materials for the History and Social Science SOL Institutes will be on a flash drive and available through an online link. Participants may bring their own devices to review documents on the flash drive.

Institutes will be offered from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the following locations:

- August 6
Charlottesville Omni Hotel
212 Ridge McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
- August 13
Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center
110 Shenandoah Avenue, NW
Roanoke, Virginia 24016
- August 14
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
1 Partnership Circle
Abingdon, Virginia 24210

- October 10
Newport News Marriott at City Center
740 Town Center Drive
Newport News, Virginia 23606
- October 19
Virginia Historical Society
428 N. Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23220
- December 3
Hyatt Regency Dulles
2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard
Herndon, Virginia 20171

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, by email at Terasas@vt.edu or Erich Sawyer, Project Manager, Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech, by email at Erichs1@vt.edu or by telephone at (540) 231-4084. Questions regarding the K-12 History and Social Science SOL Institutes should be directed to Christonya Brown, History and Social Science Coordinator, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by email at Christonya.Brown@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2893; or Betsy Barton, History and Social Science Specialist, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by email at Betsy.Barton@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3454.

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Attachments:

- A. [K-12 History and Social Science SOL Institute Agenda](#) (Word)

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