



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Regional Modified Oral Proficiency Interview (MOPI) Institute for World Language Teachers

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce the regional “Modified Oral Proficiency Interview (MOPI) Institutes,” to be held at three regional sites during the summer of 2015. The goal of these Institutes is to provide world language teachers with the training needed to assess students’ oral language proficiency on the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) rating scale.

The Institute is open to 30 world language teachers per site, in teams of two participants from any one school division. Divisions may nominate up to four teams. The team members do not need to be in the same language group. Participants may include any K-12 modern world language teacher or world language department chair. Participants will be expected to incorporate the Oral Proficiency Interview assessment techniques in the world language classroom and to share the information with other world language teachers in the division.

The summer Institutes will take place as follows:

- June 29-30, 2015: Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA
- July 13-14, 2015: Harrisonburg City, training location TBD
- July 15-16, 2015: Chesterfield County, CTC@Hull, Midlothian, VA

[Attachment A](#) contains an agenda of the event. Materials, lodging, and meals will be provided. Participants are required to be present for all event and meal functions.

MOPI Registration - The cost for the MOPI Institute will be paid by VDOE. Registration is limited to 30 teachers per site, and the deadline to apply is May 11, 2015. Divisions may submit nominations for the Institute by e-mailing the application form, Attachment B, to Dr. Lisa Harris, specialist for foreign languages, at Lisa.Harris@doe.virginia.gov. The selection process will address regional representation and priority will be given to registering teachers who teach in high poverty areas. Please note that successful submission of the registration form does not guarantee acceptance into the Institute. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status via e-mail on May 18, 2015.

Lodging - VDOE will fund one double-occupancy hotel room for two nights for each participating team from school divisions 25 miles or more from the training location. The VDOE will make all lodging reservations and cancellations for those participants.

Mileage - School divisions are encouraged to cover travel expenses for division participants for the Institute, as this cost is not assumed by the VDOE.

Directions - Directions to each training site and additional training details will be provided to each participant after acceptance to the Institute.

For program or registration questions, please contact Dr. Lisa Harris, specialist for foreign languages, by e-mail at Lisa.Harris@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3666.

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Attachments:

- A. [Institute Agenda](#) (PDF)
- B. [Institute Registration Form](#) (Word)