



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, 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 2015 at six sites throughout the Commonwealth. These are professional development opportunities provided by the state to support and enhance the implementation of 2010 *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 formative assessment in the English language arts classroom. Participants will attend a general session 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 four participants from the division among:** (1) English Language Arts supervisor, (1) elementary teacher, (1) middle school teacher, and (1) high school teacher. **The registration link will be directly e-mailed to each division-level contact and confirmation of the teams' registration will be e-mailed to the same contact. Once each school division has registered their team, the registration link will be published on the VDOE Web site 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 device. School division teams should select only one site among the six offered at the following locations:

October 5 [The Inn at Virginia Tech](#)
901 Prices Fork Road
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061
Online registration will close September 28, 2015.

October 6 [Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center](#)
1 Partnership Circle
Abingdon, Virginia 24210
Online registration will close September 29, 2015.

October 14 [Hyatt Dulles](#)
2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard

Herndon, Virginia 20171

Online registration will close October 7, 2015.

October 19 [Newport News Marriott at City Center](#)
740 Town Center Drive
Newport News, Virginia 23606
Online registration will end October 12, 2015.

October 30 [Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center](#)
24 S. Market Street
Staunton, Virginia 24401
Online registration will end October 23, 2015.

November 2 [Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa](#)
12042 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23223
Online registration will end October 27, 2015.

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 Erich Sawyer, project manager, Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech, by e-mail at erichs1@vt.edu or by telephone at (540) 231-4084.

Questions regarding the K-12 English Language Arts SOL Institutes should be directed to Tracy Fair Robertson, English coordinator, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by e-mail at Tracy.Robertson@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 371-7585; or Thomas Santangelo, elementary English and reading specialist, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by e-mail at Thomas.Santangelo@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3203.

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