



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: English Language Development (ELD) Standards-Based Lesson Planning for English Language Learners (ELLs) Training

As part of the Virginia Department of Education's ongoing effort to ensure compliance with Section 3111(b)(2) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA), a two-day training titled *English Language Development (ELD) Standards-Based Lesson Planning for English Language Learners (ELLs)* will be held at the following site on the dates specified below:

Date and Time	Academy Location and Lodging Information
Thursday and Friday November 19-20, 2015 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.	Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel and Conference Center 2801 Plank Road Fredericksburg, VA 22401 (540) 786-8321

The training is open to all Virginia educators working with English language learners (ELLs), including content-area classroom teachers. Participants will explore elements of the ELD standards framework in preparation to design instructional lessons that promote content learning and language development for ELLs. Participants will:

- Identify the academic language demands of teaching and learning in the content areas;
- Identify students' language development and learning needs based on contexts for language use;
- Develop language objectives connected to content learning;
- Explore and connect lesson planning considerations for ELLs based upon the SOL and ELD standards;
- and
- Develop lessons that are specifically aligned to the SOL and ELD standards.

Additional information including an online registration link and lodging details can be found at the following link: <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/reg/eld2>. The Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech will manage online registration. **The deadline for registration is Thursday, November 12, 2015.**

Lodging Costs: A limited block of hotel rooms for those outside of a fifty-mile radius of the training location will be paid by the Department. The room cost will be master-billed to the Department upon departure.

Room reservations must be made by Tuesday, October 27, 2015. It is the responsibility of attendees to make their own reservations. To reserve a room, call the Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel and

Conference Center and reference “Virginia Department of Education, English Language Development Standards-Based Lesson Planning for ELLs.”

Authorized Expenses: Evening meals, parking, and travel costs are the responsibility of attendees; however, these expenses are authorized activities and may be charged to local Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C; Title II, Part A; or Title III, Part A, budgets. Materials, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

Cancellation: If participants need to cancel their hotel reservations, please contact the hotel directly, as well as Christy Wallace, the Virginia Tech registrar, no later than November 12, 2015, at wallacec@vt.edu or (540) 231-6735.

For questions, please contact Judy Radford, ESL professional development coordinator, at Judy.Radford@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 786-1692.

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