



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: WIDA 101: Introduction to English Language Development (ELD) Standards and Assessments Workshop

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 one-day workshop titled *WIDA (World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment) 101: Introduction to English Language Development (ELD) Standards and Assessments* will be held at the following sites on the specified dates below:

Date and Time	Workshop Location and Lodging Information
Monday, September 29, 2014 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*	Richmond Hilton Hotel and Spa at Short Pump 12042 West Broad Street Richmond, Virginia 23233 (804) 364-3600
Friday, October 3, 2014 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*	The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center 110 Shenandoah Avenue Roanoke, Virginia 24016 (540) 985-5900

*Note: Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

This workshop will provide an overview of the ELD Standards framework and accompanying assessments. Educators of English Language Learners (ELLs) with little or no experience with ELD Standards and assessments are encouraged to attend. Participants will:

- Learn about WIDA's theoretical foundations and student-centered focus;
- Explore the connection between academic language and the five ELD standards, as well as their representation within the four language domains;
- Understand the structure of the standards framework, discuss the six levels of language proficiency and their performance criteria, and learn the elements of model performance indicators (MPIs); and
- Examine the relationship between MPIs and test items, as well as the basic structure of assessments for ELLs.

Additional information including an online registration link and lodging details can be found at the following link: <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/reg/wida> . The Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech will manage online registration. **The deadline for registration is Monday, September 22, 2014.**

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, September 2, 2014. It is the responsibility of attendees to make their own reservations.** To reserve a room, call the lodging information provided in the chart above and reference “Virginia Department of Education, WIDA 101.”

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 Monday, September 22, 2014, at (540) 231-6735 or (540) 231-5182, or wallacec@vt.edu.

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

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