



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, 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 2013 at four sites throughout the Commonwealth. These are professional development opportunities provided by the state to support 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 vocabulary strategies, nonfiction reading, and persuasive writing. Participants will attend two different concurrent breakout sessions with either an elementary or secondary focus. Additionally, participants will attend a general session on research using primary sources presented by staff from The Library of Congress. A working lunch will feature time for teachers to exchange ideas of best practices and successful classroom lessons implementing the 2010 *English Standards of Learning*.

**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 including:** (1) English Language Arts supervisor, (1) elementary teacher, (1) middle school teacher, and (1) high school teacher. Confirmation of the team's registration will be e-mailed to the division-level contact. If the registration form submitted indicates that additional staff members are interested in attending the Institute, the designee will be informed if space is available after all divisions have registered. **Registration for each of the sites closes two weeks prior to the Institute or when registration is filled.** Registration can be completed online at <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/reg/esoli/>. Participating teams may select only one site among the four offered at the following locations:

[Wytheville Meeting Center](#)  
October 3 333 Community Boulevard  
Wytheville, Virginia 24382  
**Online registration will close September 19, 2013.**

[Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center](#)  
October 8 425 Water Street Portsmouth, Virginia 23704  
**Online registration will close September 24, 2013.**

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

Herndon, Virginia 20171

**Online registration will close September 30, 2013.**

October [Double Tree Hotel Charlottesville](#)

29 990 Hilton Heights Road

Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

**Online registration will close October 15, 2013.**

**Lodging** – School divisions are encouraged to cover lodging and travel expenses for division participants for the training institutes, as these costs are not assumed by the VDOE.

Questions regarding registration should be directed to Lia Kelinsky, project manager, Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech, by e-mail at [liak9@vt.edu](mailto:liak9@vt.edu) or by telephone at (540) 231-2602.

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](mailto: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](mailto:Thomas.Santangelo@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-3203.

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Attachment:

- a. [K-12 English Language Arts SOL Agenda](#) (PDF)