



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Instructional Leaders

FROM: Dr. Anne Pressley
Director, Office of Standards and Learning

DATE: September 28, 2018

RE: K–2 Inquiry within an Integrated Classroom

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning yearlong series designed to support and lead K–2 educators toward developing authentic learning experiences for students that effectively integrates content across disciplines using an inquiry-based method.

Participation in this institute will afford attendees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the following:

- inquiry through real world problems across, beyond, and through multiple disciplines;
- authentic formative assessments that guide learning pathways; and
- flexible learning environments that allow for students to have voice and choice in their learning to better understand what they are learning, why they are learning it, and how they will learn it.

Throughout the yearlong series, participants will refine their practice through ongoing virtual and face-to-face sessions designed to support their application of new knowledge in the classroom and their evaluation of its impact on student learning.

Certificates of completion for 37 hours for the yearlong series and culminating summer days will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning series.

Dates and Locations

Links to live virtual meeting will be sent out directly to registered participants.

Statewide Virtual Meeting	Date	Location and Time
	Thursday, April 25, 2019	3:00–4:00 p.m.

Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
St. Matthews	Monday, October 15, 2018	Calhoun County District Office 125 Herlong Avenue St. Matthews, SC 29135 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Monday, November 5, 2018	Calhoun County District Office 125 Herlong Avenue St. Matthews, SC 29135 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Monday, February 11, 2019	Calhoun County District Office 125 Herlong Avenue St. Matthews, SC 29135 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Monday, March 25, 2019	Calhoun County District Office 125 Herlong Avenue St. Matthews, SC 29135 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	

Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Florence	Thursday, November 1, 2018	Innovation Center 1400 Woods Road Florence, SC 29501 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Monday, December 3, 2018	Innovation Center 1400 Woods Road Florence, SC 29501 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	

	Thursday, February 7, 2019	Innovation Center 1400 Woods Road Florence, SC 29501 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
	Virtual Work	
	Wednesday, March 27	Innovation Center 1400 Woods Road Florence, SC 29501 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Location: Final Face-to-Face Culminating Days Spartanburg	Date	Location and Time
	Thursday and Friday, June 20–21, 2019	Whitlock Flexible Learning Center 364 Successful Way Spartanburg, SC 29303 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Travel Reimbursement

For the June statewide culminating days only, districts will be reimbursed for hotel and mileage at the state per diem for any participant that meets state travel guidelines. State travel guidelines for district reimbursement will be shared during the October face-to-face session. Lunch will also be provided on the final culminating days.

General Information

Participants should plan to arrive and sign in each day between 8:30–8:45 a.m. The yearlong series face-to-face sessions will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. Participants should plan to arrive and sign in between 8:30–8:45 a.m. each day. Lunch will not be provided for the yearlong series, but time will be allotted for participants to leave the site for an hour lunch break. Lunch will be provided for the Culminating Days. Participants should bring copies of your grade levels' *South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards*, devices, a notebook, and writing utensil.

Registration

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close October 12, 2018.

Contact Information

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