



**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:** 6th–12th Grade Social Studies Professional Learning Opportunity: Year-Long

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning opportunity for secondary Social Studies educators designed to focus on performance-based teaching methods that lead to increased levels of learner proficiency.

Participation in this series will afford attendees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the *South Carolina Social Studies Education Standards* through a focus on addressing relevance in Social Sciences that are inherently embedded in civic education through the following:

- planning for active civic engagement through standard and skill based learning related to community needs using student data and understandings to drive instruction;
- implementing strategies for communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and recognizing how values and beliefs shape civil discourse; and
- implementing strategies to help students become civically engaged to take action in their own school or community.

Throughout this 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.

Participants must participate in all face-to-face and virtual meetings. Certificates of completion for 30 hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

**Dates and Locations:**

*Links to live virtual meetings will be emailed to registered participants.*

<b>Statewide Virtual Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	Thursday, October 11, 2018	4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

<b>Statewide Virtual Conferences</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
	February – May, 2019	As needed and upon request.

<b>Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
Berkeley	Thursday, October 18, 2018	MenRiv Educational Park 1 MenRiv Drive Goose Creek, SC 29445 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Thursday, November 8, 2018	
	Tuesday, January 8, 2019	

<b>Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
Columbia	Wednesday, October 24, 2018	Career Development Center (Bus Shop) 8016 Wilson Blvd. Columbia, SC 29203 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, November 14, 2018	
	Wednesday, January 16, 2019	

<b>Location 3: Face-to-Face Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
York	Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Rock Hill School District Office 386 E Black Street Rock Hill, SC 29730 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Friday, November 16, 2018	
	Monday, January 14, 2019	

<b>Statewide Face-to-Face Location: Final Face- to-Face Culminating Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
Columbia	Thursday, June 20, 2019	Career Development Center (Bus Shop) 8016 Wilson Blvd. Columbia, SC 29203 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

### **Travel Reimbursement**

For the June statewide culminating day only, districts will be reimbursed for 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**

All face-to-face sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants will have a one-hour lunch break.

### **Registration**

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close by October 10, 2018.

### **Contact Information**

For more information, please contact Chris Turpin, Education Associate for Social Studies via [cturpin@sc.ed.gov](mailto:cturpin@sc.ed.gov).