



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education**

**DATE:** June 16, 2017  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT: K-12 History and Social Science Standards of Learning Institutes**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce the K-12 History and Social Science Standards of Learning (SOL) Institutes to be held in August and October 2017 at four sites throughout the Commonwealth. These are professional development opportunities provided by the state to support the implementation of 2015 *History and Social Science Standards of Learning*.

The K-12 History and Social Science SOL Institutes will utilize a train-the-trainer model to provide professional development focused on the 2015 *History and Social Science Standards of Learning*, which will lead to the creation of performance assessments.

**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 a team from the division among: (1) History and Social Science supervisor (or contact), (1) elementary teacher, (1) middle school teacher, (1) high school teacher, and (2) Special Education teachers. Confirmation of the registration will be emailed to the participant. Participants may use the following link to [register](#) online. The registration link will be published on the VDOE website for all. In an effort to reduce paper, program materials for the History and Social Science SOL Institutes will be on a flash drive. Participants may bring their own devices to review documents on the flash drive.

Institutes will be offered from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the following locations:

- August 9** Hyatt Regency Dulles  
2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard  
Herndon, Virginia 20171
- August 16** Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Charlottesville  
990 Hilton Heights Road  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22901
- August 17** Newport News Marriott at City Center  
740 Town Center Drive  
Newport News, Virginia 23606
- October 16** Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center  
1 Partnership Circle  
Abingdon, Virginia 24210

**Lodging:**

School divisions are encouraged to cover lodging and travel expenses for division participants for the training Institutes, as the cost is not assumed by the VDOE.

Questions regarding registration should be directed to Teresa McCoy, by email at [Terasas@vt.edu](mailto:Terasas@vt.edu) or Erich Sawyer, Project Manager, Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech, by email at [Erichs1@vt.edu](mailto:Erichs1@vt.edu) or by telephone at (540) 231-4084. Questions regarding the K-12 History and Social Science SOL Institutes should be directed to Christonya Brown, History and Social Science Coordinator, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by email at [Christonya.Brown@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Christonya.Brown@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-2893; or Betsy Barton, History and Social Science Specialist, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by email at [Betsy.Barton@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Betsy.Barton@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-3454.

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Attachment:

- A. [K-12 History and Social Science SOL Institute Agenda](#) (PDF)

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