



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, 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 2014 at six sites throughout the Commonwealth. These are professional development opportunities provided by the state to support the implementation of 2010 *English Standards of Learning*.

The K-12 English Language Arts SOL Institutes will utilize a train-the-trainer model to provide professional development that focuses on nonfiction and fiction reading, writing, successful strategies with English Language Learners (ELL) and Students with Disabilities (SWD). Participants will attend four different concurrent breakout sessions with either an elementary or secondary focus.

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 that will identify and register the four participants from the division among:** (1) English Language Arts supervisor, (1) elementary teacher, (1) middle school teacher, (1) high school teacher (1) ESL teacher, and (1) Special Education teacher. Confirmation of the teams' 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 one week prior to the Institute or when registration is filled.** In an effort to go paperless, all program materials for the English SOL Institutes will be available on an app. Directions and a link to the app will be e-mailed to each registered participant. Internet access will be available at all the Institutes. Participants need to bring their own device to access the app. Registration can be completed online at <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/reg/esoli/>. School division teams should select only one site among the six offered at the following locations:

October [Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center](#)
2 1 Partnership Circle
Abingdon, Virginia 24210
Online registration will close September 25, 2014.

October [Hotel Roanoke Conference Center](#)
3 110 Shenandoah Avenue
Roanoke, Virginia 24016
Online registration will close September 26, 2014.

- October 16 [Hyatt Dulles](#)
2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard
Herndon, Virginia 20171
Online registration will close October 9, 2014.
- October 20 [Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa](#)
12042 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23223
Online registration will close October 13, 2014.
- October 22 [Newport News Marriott at City Center](#)
740 Town Center Drive
Newport News, Virginia 23606
Online registration will close October 15, 2014.
- October 30 [Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center](#)
24 S. Market Street
Staunton, Virginia 24401
Online registration will close October 23, 2014.

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 Lia Kelinsky, project manager, Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech, by e-mail at 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 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 or by telephone at (804) 225-3203.

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Attachment:

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