

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2014 Mathematics Standards of Learning Institutes

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce K-12 Mathematics Institutes to be held in October 2014 at four sites in the Commonwealth. These four Institutes are designed to provide teachers with professional development focused on fostering students' abilities to make mathematical connections and use effective and appropriate representations in mathematics.

The Institutes continue to support the implementation of the 2009 *Mathematics Standards of Learning* (SOL), framed by the five goals for students becoming mathematical problem solvers, communicating mathematically, reasoning mathematically, making mathematical connections, and using mathematical representations to model and interpret practical situations. Professional development materials based on the 2014 Mathematics SOL Institutes will be posted online for use by grade-level or subject-area teacher learning communities.

The four, one-day Institutes (8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.) will be offered for teachers, division-level leaders, mathematics supervisors, instructional supervisors, professional development personnel, division lead mathematics teachers, and other administrators with responsibility for mathematics education. Registration is limited to eight participants from each school division.

Registration

Virginia Tech's Office of Continuing and Professional Education will manage registration. Each division superintendent or designee will select a division-level contact. The division-level contact will identify and register the eight members of the division team. Team members should be selected as indicated below:

- K-2 (up to 2 attendees);
- 3-5 (up to 2 attendees);
- 6-8 (up to 2 attendees);
- Algebra (1 attendee); and
- Geometry (1 attendee).

Registration for **each of the four sites will be closed two weeks prior to the Institute or when registration is filled**. Registration can be completed online by the division contact or by identified division-level participants at http://www.cpe.vt.edu/reg/vsolp/. Participating teams may attend only one of the following four locations:

October 14, 2014

Wytheville Meeting Center Wytheville, Virginia Online registration will end October 1, 2014 October 15, 2014

The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center Roanoke, Virginia Online registration will end October 1, 2014

October 29, 2014

Doubletree by Hilton Williamsburg Williamsburg, Virginia Online registration will end October 15, 2014

October 30, 2014

Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center Fredericksburg, Virginia Online registration will end October 15, 2014

Lunch will be provided for participants. School divisions are encouraged to provide for travel expenses and lodging, if needed, for division participants.

Questions regarding registration should be directed to Nancy Rakes, registrar, Virginia Tech Office of Continuing and Professional Education, via e-mail at nancyr@vt.edu or by telephone at (540) 231-2922. Questions regarding the Mathematics SOL Institutes should be directed to Michael Bolling, director, Office of Mathematics and Governor's Schools, via e-mail at Michael.Bolling@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 786-6418.

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