



K-12 English Language Arts Professional Learning Opportunities Guide 2023 - 2024

Welcome to Metro RESA K-12 English Language Arts

Welcome to Metro RESA's K-12 English Language Arts professional learning opportunities guide for the 2023-2024 school year. The K-12 English Language Arts specialists plan, coordinate, and deliver all courses, workshops, endorsements, and training events for Metropolitan Regional Educational Service Agency (Metro RESA). Metro RESA offers regularly scheduled courses/events, on-site professional learning options, and quarterly job-alike meetings. Additionally, Metro RESA offers custom-designed professional learning as determined by data to meet identified goals and needs of districts and/or individual schools. Metro RESA is committed to building the capacity of all educators in the metro area through courses, workshops, collaborative consortia, and other activities. In addition to these opportunities, the **P-12 Reading Endorsement** is offered, along with eleven other endorsement options. More information about the programs and services offered by Metro RESA can be found at www.mresa.org.

Overview of Metro RESA K-12 ELA Specialist Service Offerings

- Staff learning for administrators, instructional coaches, teachers, paraprofessionals, and substitute teachers
 - Collaborative consortium for district-level English Language Arts leaders through job-alike meetings
 - Resource and informational updates through communication platforms and website resource pages
 - Consultative assistance in various areas of English Language Arts curriculum and instruction by request
 - On-site professional learning (Email kelley.york@mresa.org or erika.tucker@mresa.org for more information and to schedule)
 - Custom-designed professional learning to meet school or district-based needs
- OR**
- Select from the 2023-2024 menu of K-12 English Language Arts on-site professional learning options (p.2)

Metro RESA K-12 English Language Arts Specialists



Kelley York currently serves as an ELA Professional Learning Specialist at Metro RESA, Governor's School Leadership Academy (GSLA) Teacher Leader Curriculum Design Team member, a GSLA Teacher Leader Support Coach in partnership with the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, and P-12 Reading Endorsement Co-Coordinator.

Kelley has impacted change with colleagues in the educational profession by spearheading an interdisciplinary team of educators to help the 12 metro-area school districts, (43% of the State of Georgia), understand and effectively implement the Georgia standards. This work has continued with each iteration of the state standards. Prior to joining the Metro RESA Team in 2011, Kelley was an ELA District-Level Instructional Coach in Fulton County Schools. She was responsible for collaboratively working with teams of coaches to provide support with their curriculum, instruction, observations, feedback, and modeling needs for PK-12 grade teachers in multiple schools across the district. Additionally, Kelley has presented at several regional, state, and national conferences, and served on multiple standards and assessment development teams with the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE).

Kelley was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, and is a proud product of the Atlanta Public School System. Kelley received a Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University, Master of Education from Mercer University, and an Educational Specialist's degree with a focus in Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership from the University of West Georgia. Her 25 years in education have afforded her opportunities to travel to the state serving as an educational ambassador benefitting both educators and students. Kelley's goal is to change the world one classroom at a time. Contact Kelley York at kelley.york@mresa.org.



Dr. Erika Tucker has worked in public education for 23 years. She received her Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English Literature and Africana Studies as well as her Master of Arts and Teaching (MAT) in Secondary English Education from Agnes Scott College. She holds a Leadership Certificate from the University of West Georgia and a Ph.D. in Language and Literacy Education from the University of Georgia. Her educational research interests include disciplinary literacy, culturally relevant pedagogy, and assessment practices. Erika is the co-author of the chapter “Family-School Partnerships” in *Research to Guide Practice in Middle Grades Education*. She has also reviewed several education publications, including *Literature Reading Activities*, *The Teacher Clarity Playbook*, and *Developing Assessment Capable Learners*. In addition, Erika has presented at several national conferences, including the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement, the Literacy Research Association, and the National ESEA Conference.

Dr. Erika Tucker has held several positions in public education, including ELA teacher, Title I instructional coach, assistant principal, and district curriculum coordinator. She currently serves as an ELA Professional Learning Specialist with the Metropolitan Regional Educational Service Agency (Metro RESA), a GSLA Teacher Leader Coach in partnership with the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement, and P-12 Reading Endorsement Co-Coordinator. Contact Dr. Erika Tucker at erika.tucker@mresa.org.

Metro RESA K-12 English Language Arts Menu of On-Site Professional Learning Options

On-site professional learning is available upon request. Professional learning options for K-12 English Language Arts are listed in the menu below but are not limited to these offerings. *Specialists are also able to conduct on-site professional learning that is customized to meet district or school building needs.*

Email the Metro RESA ELA Specialists to learn more at kelly.york@mresa.org and/or erika.tucker@mresa.org.

- Georgia's K-12 English Language Arts Standards
- Foundational Literacy
- Evidence-Based Approaches for Literacy Instruction and Practices
- ELA Workshop Model (Reading or Writing)
- Small Group Instruction for Reading Intervention and Enrichment
- Writing Instruction for Multiple Purposes
- Academic Moves for Literacy
- Disciplinary Literacy
- Visual Literacy
- Learning through Writing across the Content Areas
- Vocabulary Strategies that Build Transfer

English Language Arts District Leader Job-Alike Consortium

The Metro RESA ELA Job-Alike Consortium is a collaborative meeting designed to bring together district personnel working in English Language Arts leadership positions across metro area schools and districts. Facilitated by Metro RESA’s ELA Team, these quarterly meetings provide an opportunity for the collective group to enhance its craft, share knowledge, and build opportunities for educators. The networking sessions combine resources, information sharing, discussion, and action planning around relevant K-12 literacy topics.

Meetings consist of state guidance, professional development, networking, sharing of professional learning services, and engaging with vendors whose products are of interest to the group to meet the needs of K-12 English Language Arts educators. Group participants have opportunities prior to each meeting to provide input on agenda topics. The meetings are held four times a year in a hybrid format; participants may join virtually or face-to-face. The Metro Area English Language Arts Job-Alike Group meetings will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Metro RESA located at 1870 Teasley Drive, Smyrna, Georgia 30080 **Audience: District-Level English Language Arts Leaders or representatives.**

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Quarter #1 Job-Alike	Thursday, September 14, 2023	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Face to Face: Metro RESA Conference
Quarter #2 Job-Alike	Thursday, December 7, 2023	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Face to Face: Tentative Off-Site Location
Quarter #3 Job-Alike	Thursday, February 22, 2024	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Face to Face: Metro RESA Conference
Quarter #4 Job-Alike	Thursday, June 13, 2024	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Face to Face: Metro RESA Conference

Metro RESA English Language Arts General Professional Learning Opportunities 2023-2024

While Metro RESA works with school district personnel to accommodate the professional learning needs within school districts, we also offer a small number of trainings through our agency which can accommodate educators across districts. These trainings are particularly helpful for districts who have only a few schools requesting various content, do not have enough staff to conduct a full training within the district, or for schools who were unable to attend a training offered in district due to scheduling conflicts. We also welcome individual participants who are looking to build their own knowledge or school teams looking to build capacity in a particular area.

Training may be offered either virtually or in-person. Please note the location to determine the delivery mode. **To register for any of the workshops, visit the website at www.mresa.org under the Courses and Events tab.** Registration typically closes two weeks before the workshop, and those registered will receive event details at least 48 hours before the event.

Professional Learning Event	Date	Time	Location
Leveraging Literacy Proficiency with Cognitive Science Grades K-5	November 1, 2023	9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.	Metro RESA Auditorium
Leveraging Literacy Proficiency with Cognitive Science Grades 6-12	November 2, 2023	9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.	Metro RESA Auditorium
Integrating Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing to Develop a Comprehensive Literacy Experience Grades K-5	November 29, 2023	9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.	Metro RESA Auditorium
Using Cognitive Science to Engage Vocabulary Strategies that Build Literacy Competence Grades 6-12	November 30, 2023	9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.	Metro RESA Auditorium

Professional Learning Event	Date	Time	Location
Integrating Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing to Develop a Comprehensive Literacy Experience Grades 3-5	January 22, 2024	9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.	Metro RESA Auditorium
Integrating Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing to Develop a Comprehensive Literacy Experience Grades 6-12	January 23, 2024	9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.	Metro RESA Auditorium
Academic Moves to Strengthen Literacy Skills for Adolescent Readers Grades 6-12	March 21, 2024	9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.	Metro RESA Auditorium
Understanding the Science of Reading and Implications for the K-5 ELA Classroom Grades K-5	June 10, 2024	9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.	Metro RESA Auditorium
Understanding the Science of Reading and Implications for the 6-12 ELA Classroom Grades 6-12	June 11, 2024	9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m.	Metro RESA Auditorium

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