



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
Instructional Leaders

FROM: Llewellyn Shealy
Interim Director of Assessment and Standards

DATE: October 24, 2023

RE: Spring 2024 Science Regional Series

The Office of Assessment and Standards Science Team is excited to announce locations and dates for the Spring 2024 Science Regional Series. This free, face-to-face professional learning opportunity will be centered around curriculum adaptation for the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021 (Science Standards). Participants from across the state will have the opportunity to collaborate and work towards adapting their district instructional materials to best fit the needs of their population of learners. This is a re-run of the series offered in Fall 2023. Certificates of completion for 18 SCDE Renewal Activity Hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

Participants will:

- evaluate and adapt their selected instructional materials for alignment with the vision of three-dimensional science learning,
- assess and adjust the Performance Expectation bundles presented in their selected instructional materials for coherence from the student perspective,
- align and expand the phenomena presented in their selected instructional materials, and
- screen and revise the formative assessments within their selected instructional materials for alignment with the vision of three-dimensional science learning.

Meeting Time, Locations, and Dates

Sessions will begin promptly at 8:30 am and conclude by 3:00pm.

Location	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Lexington 2 Innovation Center 509 Bulldog Blvd. Cayce, SC 29033	January 10, 2024	March 4, 2024	April 17, 2024
Berkley County Schools MenRiv Educational Park 1 MenRiv Dr. Goose Creek, SC 29445	January 16, 2024	March 6, 2024	April 23, 2024
Horry County Schools *See the dates for location specifics	January 18, 2024 Horry County Schools District Office 885 Four Mile Rd. Conway, SC 29526	February 26, 2024 Carolina Forest High School 700 Gardner Lacy Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29579	April 25, 2024 Horry County Schools District Office 885 Four Mile Rd. Conway, SC 29526
Boiling Springs High School Freshman Academy – Spartanburg 2 T&L Center 2251 Old Furnace Rd. Boiling Springs, SC 29316	January 23, 2024	February 27, 2024	April 30, 2024

Expectations and Registration Information

- **Expectations:** Participants are expected to attend all three sessions at their chosen location. You may be grouped with educators from another district and will work with that group for the duration of the series.
- **Audience:** The goal of this professional learning opportunity is for participants to take their learning and materials back to their home district for implementation and thus is intended for:
 - Science Teacher Leaders
 - Science Specialists
 - Curriculum Teams
 - Instructional Coaches
- **Registration:** Registration is limited by the available space for each location. Registration must be submitted online by **December 1, 2023** via this [form](https://forms.gle/npmCzaizCCSbsM9Z9) (https://forms.gle/npmCzaizCCSbsM9Z9).
 - Note: Each registrant must use their own name and email address for registration. Generic registration information (for example: “District Representative”) with an administrator’s email will not be accepted.

For more information about this free professional learning opportunity, please contact C. Lark Widener at clwidener@ed.sc.gov.