



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders

FROM: Llewellyn Shealy
Interim Director, Office of Assessment and Standards

DATE: September 5, 2023

RE: Introduction to Text-Dependent Writing on SC READY English Language Arts (ELA) and the End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP) English 2 assessments

Office of Assessment and Standards will offer a free, one-day professional learning opportunity (PLO) for up to **three ELA instructional leaders and one special populations leader from each district in South Carolina**. Each district should consider sending one representative each from elementary school, middle school, and high school, and one representative from special populations such as multi-lingual learners, students with disabilities, or gifted and talented students.

The purpose of this PLO is to introduce the new Text-Dependent Writing item that will be field-tested for SC READY ELA and the EOCEP English 2 assessments in spring 2024. Participants will have the opportunity to

- learn more about the transition from Text-Dependent Analysis to Text-Dependent Writing;
- learn more about how the new test items and rubrics align to the *2023 South Carolina College- and Career-Ready ELA Standards*;
- examine sample prompts and texts; and
- examine the new scoring rubrics.

Each session will utilize a train-the-trainer model so that attendees will be able to train teachers in their districts to instruct students in preparation for the Text-Dependent Writing item on the State Summative Assessments.

Meeting Time, Locations, and Dates

Each session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. Participants should plan to arrive by 8:45 a.m.

District	Location	Date
Kershaw County School District	Woolard Technology Center 70 Innovation Way Camden, SC 29020	October 30, 2023
Rock Hill School District	Rock Hill School District Three District Office 386 E. Black Street Rock Hill, SC 29730	November 13, 2023
Richland School District One	Heyward Career and Technology Center 3560 Lynhaven Drive Columbia, SC 29204	January 17, 2024
Dorchester School District 2	Marcia O'Brien Conference Center 200 Stadium Circle Summerville, SC 29483	January 25, 2024
Greenville School District	MT Anderson Support Center 100 Blassingame Road Greenville, SC 29605	February 6, 2024

Registration must be submitted in advance via the form linked [here](#). Spaces are limited. Attendance will be confirmed via email. For additional information, please contact Rebecca Rundlett at rrundlett@ed.sc.gov.