



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Human Resources Directors
District Instructional Leaders

FROM: Lilla Toal Mandsager
Director, Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development

DATE: April 18, 2023

RE: Educator Effectiveness Professional Learning Opportunities 2023–24

The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development offers a variety of professional learning opportunities to support districts and schools to promote access to effective instruction for all students. South Carolina’s educator evaluation systems are aligned with student-centered teaching and learning and the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*. Ongoing training for evaluators and district leaders is critical in ensuring the South Carolina Principal Standards, the South Carolina Teaching Standards (SCTS), and the 2020 Special Areas Evaluation Standards are implemented in ways that support educator growth and effective instruction.

2023 – 24 professional learning opportunities and registration links are listed on the following pages.

If you have any questions, contact Dr. Brandon Gantt, bgantt@ed.sc.gov.

Educator Effectiveness Professional Learning Opportunities Calendar

Note: All virtual sessions will include a mix of synchronous and asynchronous learning. Participants will need a device with an internet connection, a camera, a keyboard, and a microphone. Participants are expected to select a suitable physical learning environment that will enable them to fully participate.

SCTS 4.0 Evaluator Training

SCTS 4.0 Evaluator training is required for any educator serving on a teacher evaluation team. This training prepares attendees to objectively evaluate classroom lessons and includes resources and strategies for successfully collecting data from teachers and students. This training will prepare attendees to take and pass the certification exam required to become a certified SCTS 4.0 evaluator.

June 13–15, 2023

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Face-to-Face Session, facilitated by NIET

Location: Sumter School District

Sumter School District Annex

220 Hasel Street

Sumter, SC 29150

[SCTS Evaluator Face-to-Face Registration](#)

August 1–3, 2023

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Virtual Session

[SCTS Evaluator Face-to-Face Registration](#)

September 25–27, 2023

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Virtual Session

[SCTS Evaluator Face-to-Face Registration](#)

June 27–29, 2023

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Face-to-Face Session, facilitated by NIET

Location: Anderson School District Four

Anderson School District Four Central Office

315 E. Queen Street

Pendleton, SC 29670

[SCTS Evaluator Face-to-Face Registration](#)

October 23–25, 2023

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Face-to-Face Session

Location: South Carolina Department of
Education

Parklane Leadership Classroom

8301 Parklane Road

Columbia, SC 29223

[SCTS Evaluator Face-to-Face Registration](#)

July 18–20, 2023

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Face-to-Face Session, facilitated by NIET

Location: SC Public Charter School District

SC Public Charter School District Office

1824 Barnwell Street

Columbia, SC 29201

[SCTS Evaluator Face-to-Face Registration](#)

SCTS 4.0 Train-the-Trainer Training

SCTS 4.0 Train-the-Trainer is for participants *already trained as evaluators*. Currently trained trainers do not need to retrain. This session is required for certified evaluators who will serve on the district training team. It focuses specifically on building the capacity of training teams to implement thoughtfully and to train evaluators and teachers in the SCTS 4.0 rubric. District recommendation is required to participate in this training.

August 8–9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.,

February 20–21, 2024, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.,

Face-to-Face Session, 8301 Parklane Rd, Columbia, SC 29223

[SCTS 4.0 Train-the-Trainer Training Registration \(Summer\)](#)

[SCTS 4.0 Train-the-Trainer Training Registration \(Winter\)](#)

ADEPT Coordinator 101 Training

ADEPT Coordinator 101 is designed for new district ADEPT coordinators and current coordinators who would like a refresher. The morning session will provide an overview of contract levels and certification, the Expanded ADEPT evaluation cycle, and SCLead.org. The afternoon session is a personalized workshop for setting up district information in the SCLead.org data management system.

August 22, 2023, 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.,

Face-to-Face Session, 8301 Parklane Rd, Columbia, SC 29223

[ADEPT Coordinator 101 Training Registration](#)

ADEPT for Special Areas Manager Training

ADEPT for Special Areas 2020 Special Areas Manager training is required for district leaders in to implement the new special areas evaluation instrument. The training will equip district leaders to enroll district evaluators in online training, to understand the evaluation instruments, and to implement a transition plan.

July 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.,

Face-to-Face Session, 8301 Parklane Rd, Columbia, SC 29223

[Special Areas Manager Training Registration](#)

ADEPT 2020 for School Counselors, School Librarians, and Speech-Language Professionals Evaluator Training

Special Areas Evaluator Training is required for any educator serving on an evaluation team for one of the special areas. Evaluator training is available via our [learning management system Moodle](#). Contact your district Special Areas Manager to get registered for training. If you have any questions or need more information on Special Areas evaluation professional learning opportunities, contact Beverly Flythe, bflythe@ed.sc.gov.

Introduction to the Professional Learning Library Training

Introduction to the Professional Learning Library is designed to support district administrators to provide educators guidance in the use of the PLL. PLL district users will learn how to access the PLL, how to assign courses and mini courses, how to search the video library, how educators’ complete courses and track progress, and how to pull PLL reports.

July 10, 2023, 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.,

Face-to-Face Session, 8301 Parklane Rd, Columbia, SC 29223

August 10, 2023, 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m., Virtual Session

[Introduction to the Professional Learning Library Face-to-Face Training Registration](#)

[Introduction to the Professional Learning Library Virtual Training Registration](#)

The Professional Learning Library Workshop

The Professional Learning Library Content Training is designed for instructional coaches to increase the growth of students and teachers through collaborative activities to “make-and-take” personalized products. Participants will use the Professional Learning Library to design and build resources aligned with the South Carolina Teaching Standards to support educators within their building to further lead on-going professional development.

September 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 a.m.,

Face-to-Face Session, 8301 Parklane Rd, Columbia, SC 29223

[The Professional Learning Library Content Training Registration](#)

SLO Training

SLOs for District and School Leaders is designed to help district and school leaders build their understanding of what SLOs are, what the SLO model looks like in South Carolina, and how SLOs are used for evaluation and professional growth. Educators will be prepared to make SLO-related decisions, develop support materials, and implement SLO training at the local level while deepening their understanding of the SLO cycle and the decisions necessary to fully support the SLO process.

July 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.,

Face-to-Face Session, 8301 Parklane Rd, Columbia, SC 29223

August 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m., Virtual Session

[SLO for District and School Leaders Face-to-Face Training Registration](#)

[SLO for District and School Leaders Virtual Training Registration](#)