



African American Historic Sites Professional Learning Opportunity

The South Carolina Council for African American Studies in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Education is accepting applications to work with 20 Social Studies teachers in grades 4, 5, 8 and 11 who will participate in a 4-day professional learning opportunity that will explore several African American Historical Sites in Sumter County. Teachers accepted in the seminar opportunity will be required to develop an inquiry-based instructional unit with primary document text sets that explore the topic of, "*Vestiges of a Divided Society: Jim Crow in Rural Sumter County, (1895-1954)*." Selected teachers will receive a stipend upon completion of all professional learning opportunity requirements. NOTE: We are recruiting teachers in Sumter County to be participants at each grade level.

APPLY NOW!

COVID-19: Once accepted in the program each participant will be required to sign a COVID-19 Waiver. We will take all pre-cautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Teachers will be required to wear a mask at all times unless they have been vaccinated. Transportation from the hotel to the workshop location and to the historic sites will be provided by a large transport bus, this will allow for the 20 participants to be separated as we travel.

Schedule and **Mandatory Attendance Dates:(Print this Information)

Dates	Location	Activities/Itinerary
**Thursday, February 25	Pre- Workshop meeting Online via Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 - 7:30 p.m. - Project Directors and Curriculum Team will discuss with participants the vision, expectations, and timeline for the project.
**Friday, March 5	Travel to Sumter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 - 8 p.m. -Participants will report and check-in to hotel. 8:30 p.m.-PLO Staff will host a 30 minute welcome meeting with introductions. Distribution of resource materials and supplies.
**Saturday, March 6 -7	Sumter, Mayesville and surrounding area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLO Workshop and Site Visits
Saturday, March 20	DRAFT Due Date Google Drive Folder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers must submit their draft instructional units to the designated curriculum consultant.
**Saturday, April 10	Mayesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLO Workshop in Mayesville, SC
**Saturday, April 17	Online- Zoom group break-out sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Webinar Workshop Online: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Teachers and Curriculum Consultants work on the inquiry-based units and text sets. Break-out sessions and Group Feedback.
Saturday, May 1	Due Date Via Google Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final due date-Completed Units must be uploaded to the PLO Google Drive by 11:59 p.m. Saturday, May 1.

"Vestiges of a Divided Society: Jim Crow in Rural Sumter County, (1895-1954)," is designed to stimulate dialogue and aid in the development of inquiry-based instructional units with primary document text sets. In this project, participants will 1) focus on how to use a narrative-based inquiry method to help students understand experiences of African Americans in rural locations during the time period as well as national connections; 2) interact with descendants and/or preservers of designated locations; and 3) work in collaborative groups to develop units of inquiry-based instructional plans and materials for publication.