



CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

**INVITATION TO THE 2014 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK LAUNCH EVENTS**

The California Department of Education (CDE) is pleased to announce three professional learning events to showcase the *2014 English Language Arts/English Language Development Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (ELA/ELD Framework)*.

The *ELA/ELD Framework* provides guidance to teachers, administrators, educators, and other stakeholders in designing curriculum, instruction, assessments, and professional learning. The *ELA/ELD Framework* is the first comprehensive document supporting the implementation and integration of the California Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects (please see the CDE ELA Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/rl/cf/> for a PDF copy of the standards) as well as the *ELD Standards for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve* (see the CDE ELD Standards Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/eldstandards.asp>), reinforcing California's commitment to ensure that California's English learners make academic progress as they develop critical knowledge about and proficiency using the English language in grade-level, rigorous curriculum.

The first event will take place immediately following the CDE-sponsored Accountability Leadership Institute in San Diego on December 9–10, 2014. The focus on December 9, 2014, will be information in the framework for administrators. Day two of the San Diego event will provide sessions that allow educators to delve more deeply into the framework to best use its organizational content and research for classroom instruction. Two additional professional learning launch events are scheduled in early 2015. On January 20, 2015, the CDE will partner with the San Mateo County Office of Education in Redwood City and on February 10, 2015, with the Tulare County Office of Education in Fresno.

More information is on the CDE Curriculum Frameworks ELA/ELD Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/rl/cf/elaeldfwlaunchevents.asp>. Additional information will be posted on that page closer to the event dates. We recommend that you register as soon as possible; space at some of the events will be limited.

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If you have any questions regarding the professional learning launch events for the *ELA/ELD Framework*, please contact Cynthia Gunderson, Education Programs Consultant, Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division, by phone at 916-319-0451 or by e-mail at [cgunderson@cde.ca.gov](mailto:cgunderson@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lupita Cortez Alcalá". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Lupita Cortez Alcalá, Deputy Superintendent  
Instruction & Learning Support Branch

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