

# SCOESC Curriculum Connection

## May, 2025



### Make May Your Springboard to Next Year's Success!

May is the perfect time to reflect on and reinvigorate our instructional practices while supporting teachers through the final stretch of the academic year. We're here to partner with you in finishing strong and planning for professional development that will set the stage for an even more successful upcoming school year. Contact SCOESC Curriculum Department Administrative Assistant [logan.baumgardner@scoesc.org](mailto:logan.baumgardner@scoesc.org) or any Curriculum Specialist to schedule services for the remainder of this year or

into 2025-26.

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## Science of Reading Update

The deadline for all eligible educators to complete the required professional development in the Science of Reading is *June 30, 2025*. To qualify for the stipend, educators must finish all parts of the Introduction to the Science of Reading Course, including the post-assessment, by 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2025. No exceptions will be made for late completions or technical issues near the deadline.

HB 96 Science of Reading Legislation:



The bill requires the Department to maintain an introductory Science of Reading training course for licensed educators and to develop a competency-based training course that updates and reinforces educators' knowledge in the Science of Reading.

The bill requires each teacher, administrator, or speech-language pathologist employed by a school district, community school, STEM school, or college-preparatory boarding school to complete the Department's Science of Reading training as follows:

1. An individual hired as a teacher or administrator prior to July 1, 2025, must complete the training by June 30, 2030, and every five years thereafter;
2. An individual hired as a teacher or administrator on or after July 1, 2025, must complete the training within one year after the date of hire, and every five years thereafter. However, the bill provides an exemption for individuals who either already completed that training or a similar training, as determined by the Department, or completed appropriate coursework in the Science of Reading as part of the individual's educator or licensure preparation program, as verified by the district or school;
3. An individual employed as a school psychologist or speech-language pathologist must complete the training by June 30, 2027, and every five years thereafter.

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## 2025-26 Evaluation System Training

SCOESC OTES, OPES, and OSCES training sessions for the 2025-26 school year are now available on STARS. Training sessions will be offered via a synchronous, online format. Dates are scheduled in August and September of 2025 in order to accommodate newly hired administrators. Click the button below for more information and to register for a session. For more information, contact [tammy.hambrick@scoesc.org](mailto:tammy.hambrick@scoesc.org) or (740) 354-0251.

The South Central Ohio ESC Curriculum Department is offering the following ONLINE Trainings:

<b>OTES 2.0 Training</b> August 26-28, 2025	<b>OPES 2.0 Training</b> September 24-25, 2025	<b>OSCES Training</b> September 30, 2025
<p>The OTES 2.0 Evaluator Training is a 3-day course that is required to become a credentialed evaluator of teachers in the State of Ohio. Participants can be credentialed by completing all three days of the online, synchronous training and by passing the credentialing test.</p> <p>Where: South Central Ohio ESC 522 Glenwood Ave. Conference Room D New Boston, OH 45662</p> <p>Time: 8:30-2:30 Cost: \$255.00 Audience: Building Administrators, Central Office Staff, Teachers Facilitators: Kara Copeland JD Emnett Tammy Hambrick Adam Michael</p>	<p>The OPES 2.0 Evaluator training is a 2-day course required to become a credentialed evaluator of principals in the State of Ohio. The intended audience is superintendents, central office staff, and others who evaluate principals. Participants can be credentialed by attending the online, synchronous training and by passing the credentialing test.</p> <p>Where: South Central Ohio ESC 522 Glenwood Ave. Conf. Room A New Boston, OH 45662</p> <p>Time: 8:30-2:30 Cost: \$170.00 Audience: Superintendents, Building Administrators, Central Office Staff Facilitators: Kara Copeland JD Emnett Tammy Hambrick Adam Michael</p>	<p>The Ohio School Counselors Evaluation System training is a one-day course that is required of all evaluators of school counselors. The online, synchronous training provides an understanding of the OSCES Framework and Model and allows practice of skills and sharing of best practices.</p> <p>Where: South Central Ohio ESC 522 Glenwood Ave. Conference Room A New Boston, OH 45662</p> <p>Time: 8:30-3:30 Cost: \$85.00 Audience: Superintendents, Building Administrators, Central Office Staff, School Counselors Facilitators: Kara Copeland JD Emnett Tammy Hambrick Adam Michael</p>

In order to register for a session, please log in to STARS (<https://ohid.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/ohid/login>).

**Do NOT pre-pay** - districts will be invoiced *following* the completion of training.

For more information, you may contact the SCOESC Curriculum Department at 740-354-0253 or [logan.baumgardner@scoesec.org](mailto:logan.baumgardner@scoesec.org)  
Kara Copeland, JD Emnett, Tammy Hambrick and Adam Michael are state trainers in the offerings listed above.

## 2025-26 Evaluation Training Flyer and Registration Directions

# Summer Learning Academy June 4-5, 2025



South Central Ohio ESC is excited to offer a two-day Summer Learning Academy on June 4-5, 2025, from 9:00 - 2:00 that is available to all educators!

Each day participants will have the opportunity to select from multiple 2 hour sessions, many of which are focused on serving students with developmental disabilities, behavior management concerns, and social/emotional needs. There are also sessions on Artificial Intelligence, Teacher Self-Care, and Science of Reading interventions. *Sessions are appropriate for both general education and intervention specialist teachers.* Six contact hours will be granted for each day of attendance. Lunch will be on your own.

The Summer Academy is FREE for teachers in [SCOESC member districts](#) and \$100.00 per day per person for non-SCOESC member districts.



Click the button below for more information and to register for the event. Contact [logan.baumgardner@scoesc.org](mailto:logan.baumgardner@scoesc.org) or [tammy.hambrick@scoesc.org](mailto:tammy.hambrick@scoesc.org) if you have any questions.

## 2025 Summer Learning Academy Registration

# Using Item Analysis Responsibly in ELA

Are you caught in the "Tyranny of OR" when it comes to ELA instruction? Do you find yourself wondering if you have to choose between the data-driven insights of item analysis and the foundational principles of The Science of Reading?

**You don't!**

Join us for the FREE VIRTUAL session, **The Tyranny of OR: Using Item Analysis Responsibly in ELA**, on May 15, 2025, from 1:00 - 2:30, where we'll explore how to seamlessly integrate both powerful approaches to create a dynamic and effective learning environment.

**In this session, you'll discover:**

- How to utilize item analysis to pinpoint specific student needs within the context of ELA.
- Strategies for aligning item analysis data with the principles of The Science of Reading.
- Practical ways to use data to inform and supercharge your instruction.
- How to drive meaningful student success by bridging the gap between data and pedagogy.

We'll move beyond the false dichotomy and show you how to leverage the strengths of both item analysis and The Science of Reading to create a comprehensive and impactful ELA program.


Don't let the "Tyranny of OR" limit your teaching potential. Learn how to responsibly use item analysis to enhance, not replace, your understanding of effective literacy instruction.

# THE TYRANNY OF OR:

*Using Item Analysis Responsibly in ELA*

1:00-2:30 PM

**MAY 15, 2025**

 Virtual event held via zoom

**REGISTRATION IS FREE!**



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## MEET THE PRESENTERS



Dr. Bryan Drost,  
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Dr. Kristi Graves,  
North Central Ohio ESC



Tammy Hambrick,  
South Central Ohio ESC



Dr. Lynne Kulich,  
Renaissance Learning

Tyranny of OR: Using  
modern item analysis  
responsibly in ELA



Modern item analysis in  
ELA: Bridging the gap with  
the science of reading

Some question whether item analysis in ELA should be utilized in conjunction with The Science of Reading. What if you don't have to choose between the two? We'll show you how integrating both can supercharge your instruction and drive student success.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ARTICLES



**Tyranny of Or: Using Item Analysis Responsibly in ELA  
Registration**

## Federal Programs Meeting



A Federal Programs Network meeting will be held on May 29, 2025, starting at 9:00 am at the SCOESC Business Center in Room 311.

Topics covered will include Non-Public Consultation and the One Funding Application. For more information, contact [kara.copeland@scoesc.org](mailto:kara.copeland@scoesc.org).

## Resident Educator Program Update

The 2024-25 Resident Educator program participants are in the process of completing requirements. At this time, most Year 1 and 2 RE teachers and mentors have completed required activities. 36 out of 37 Resident Educator Summative Assessment takers have received PASSING scores (one teacher is still waiting on results). Completion letters will be sent to all districts by the middle of May. Mentor stipends will be processed and paid in late June to mid-July.



We are still waiting to see if the upcoming budget bill eliminates the RESA (although the 2 Year RE program will continue). If RESA is removed, the program will be revamped with additional emphasis on alignment and connection to OTEs rubric standards.

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## Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines Training (CSTAG)

### Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines Training

All Ohio districts and schools can participate in training in the nationally recognized Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG). CSTAG allows school based teams to follow a decision-tree process to resolve less serious, transient threats. Ohio's educational service centers (ESCs) will offer training in the CSTAG model to school and districts statewide.

[education.ohio.gov](https://education.ohio.gov)

Teams needing to renew only require a half day CSTAG refresher.

**Ohio School Safety Center-->Training Requirements-->Approved Training Programs**



# Threat Assessment Training Intent

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

School District

Your answer

Training Option

CSTAG offered through the ESC

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## ESL Update (Upcoming Professional Developments)

### ODEW and Project ASSETS

No-cost English learner professional development for educators begins in June.

Seats are open for Ohio educators to join the next cohort of Project ASSETS, Accelerating Student Success for ELs Through Scaffolded Support (Project ASSETS). Project ASSETS is a free English learner professional learning series that supports content teachers by providing practical knowledge and networking about ways to improve teaching English learners, developing formative assessments, and partnering with families.

For more information click [here](#).

### Newcomers Conference

[Bridging the Educational Gap: Pathways to Success for SIFE and Newcomer Students](#)

# MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS



## SUMMIT

June 10, 2025

Hamilton County ESC Conference Center

For more information, please contact  
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Speaker and Author

# Tan Huynh



## Administrative Network Meeting

The final Administrative Network Meeting of the year will be held on June 13, 2025, at the Scioto Ribber and will be sponsored by Kirk Thompson of Herff Jones. You can RSVP [here](#).



## Meet the SCOESC Curriculum Team



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