



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



TO: Superintendents of Schools, Directors of Curriculum and Instruction, High School Principals, Adult Education Directors

FROM: Irene E. Parisi, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: June 5, 2023

SUBJECT: African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Course of Studies – CSDE/SERC 2023-2024 Training Series

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is pleased to continue its partnership with the State Education Resource Center (SERC) to support the effective implementation of the African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Course of Studies. High school educators, including curriculum and department coordinators, who will be implementing the course next year are invited to participate. The series is planned to be a combination of virtual and in-person sessions and will be at no cost to districts with the exception of release time/substitute coverage needed. Each cadre will be capped at 60 schools/registrants to serve the anticipated number of new schools participating. As this training is organized as a professional learning community, it is highly suggested that staff from the same school/district register for and attend the same cadre.

Cohort 3	Registration Link for Summer Sessions	Summer Institute	September Quarterly	December Quarterly	February Quarterly	March Quarterly	June Showcase
Cadre 1	https://serc.in fo/23-24cadre1	July 10-14, 2023 9-3	Sept. 26-27, 2023 9-3	Dec. 5-6, 2023 9-3	Feb. 6-7, 2024 9-3	Mar. 19-20, 2024 9-3	June 4, 2024 Time TBD
Cadre 2	https://serc.in fo/23-24cadre2	July 31-Aug. 4, 2023 9-3	Sept. 28-29, 2023 9-3	Dec. 7-8, 2023 9-3	Feb. 8-9, 2024 9-3	Mar. 21-22, 2024 9-3	June 4, 2024 Time TBD

Please visit the website at <https://ctserc.org/pa1912> for information regarding the curriculum development process, stakeholder involvement, initial implementation, and most up-to-date materials and learning opportunities.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the CSDE Project Manager and Director of Equity and Language Dr. Maribel Olivero at maribel.olivero@ctgov.org, or the following members of the SERC Team:

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