



Georgia Department of Education

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

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Repeal Rule 160-4-2-.01 The Quality Core Curriculum and Student Competencies

On March 22, 2018, the State Board of Education approved the posting of the request to repeal Rule 160-4-2-.01 The Quality Core Curriculum and Student Competencies. Outdated language and student expectations in this Rule are not consistent with the language supportive of a standards-based curriculum currently included in Georgia education law and State Board of Education-adopted content standards. A new rule will not be initiated to replace this repealed rule.

High School Courses Posted for Comment

On March 22, 2018, the State Board of Education approved the posting of the K-12 Physical Education Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE), high school Journalism GSE, and a new high school course for Dramatic Writing GSE for public review and comment.

Survey links to the standards for feedback and comment:

- [Physical Education](#)
- [Journalism](#)
- [Dramatic Writing \(Film, Television, and Theatre I\)](#)

Elementary/Middle School Principals' Conference

"Courageous Leadership Enhances Active Learning"

May 8 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Anderson Conference Center - Macon, Georgia

- [Learn More](#)

MATHEMATICS

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College Readiness Mathematics Summer Institute Program

The Georgia Department of Education is pleased to offer a three-day summer professional learning institute for High School Mathematics educators who teach College Readiness Mathematics. This training is a replication of the College Readiness Mathematics training provided in the summers of 2016 and 2017. Made possible through a partnership with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), the Institute will be held from June 12-14, 2018, at the Bibb County Professional Learning Center in Macon.

Please submit names and email addresses of your district's participants by April 15, 2018 to Brooke Kline at bkline@doe.k12.ga.us. Specific instructions regarding attendance will be sent directly to participating teachers. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided each day at no cost to the participant.

Summer K-12 Mathematics Institute

The Georgia Department of Education will host a Mathematics Summer Professional Learning Institute for Georgia educators from July 10-12, 2018, at the Macon Centreplex. Please find additional details regarding this summer professional learning opportunity for teachers listed in the School and District Effectiveness section of the newsletter and this [Summer Mathematics Institute Information Flyer](#).



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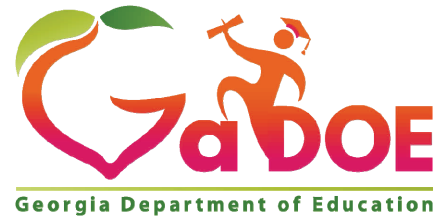


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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

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L4 Summer Institutes

Literacy summer institutes are coming! In partnership with School and District Effectiveness, the Literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading (L4) team will host a series of professional learning opportunities this summer through two-day institutes. These vertically-aligned institutes will feature a series of interactive sessions that emphasize high-leverage practices for reading and writing instruction, digital literacy, assessments, and more! Presenters will provide research and evidence-based practices for creative and effective ways to increase student achievement. We encourage all K-12 educators and administrators to join us for these professional learning opportunities. These institutes are designed to be vertically aligned. Below are the dates and locations for each institute. **Start and end times are 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

June 11 - 12, James H. Rainwater Conference Center
1 Meeting Place, Valdosta 31601

June 14 - 15, Coastal Georgia Center
305 Fahm Street, Savannah 31401

June 26-27, Middle Georgia State University
Conference Center
100 University Parkway, Macon 31206

July 12 - 13, Clarence Brown Conference Center
5450 Georgia Highway 20, Cartersville 30121

July 16-17, UGA Continuing Education Center
1197 S. Lumpkin St., Athens, GA 30602

- Registration Fee is \$250 per person and includes lunch and materials.
- [Registration](#) (Registration will start Monday, April 2)
- Please contact Anisha Donald at adonald@doe.k12.ga.us for additional information.

SCIENCE

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Georgia is Phenomenal



Look around you. Georgia is abundant in natural resources that are ready to be “figured out.” GPB Education will be livestreaming from the Okefenokee Swamp Park in Waycross on May 3, 2018, at 10 a.m. Students will experience a virtual tour of the Okefenokee Swamp and hear from various experts about life in the swamp. They will also learn about the unique plants and animals that call Okefenokee home, as well as how humans managed to live on this rugged terrain for hundreds of years.

This event includes interactive elements, such as polls and experts who are available to answer students’ questions. Use the hashtag [#SwampLive](#) to participate in the conversation.

Okefenokee Live will be available on demand after May 3 with supplemental classroom resources for grades K-12. The exploration will be live streamed at gpb.org/swamp. This event is free, but you must register to participate live.



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WORLD LANGUAGES & GLOBAL WORKFORCE INITIATIVES

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Expansion of Approved Seal of Biliteracy Testing

Georgia's Seal of Biliteracy has expanded the list of approved language testing agencies. ALTA Testing services, located in Atlanta, has been approved to offer language tests to students who wish to qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy. They offer oral and written proficiency exams in 90 languages! The first reporting deadline for the Seal of Biliteracy is May 1, 2018.

- [More Information](#)

Georgia Renews Academie Nancy-Metz Memorandum of Understanding



Georgia was honored to renew a long-standing MOU with the Academie de Nancy-Metz in France at a signing ceremony at Mountain View High School March 1. Speakers at the event included State School Superintendent Richard Woods, the honorable Mr. Louis de Corail, Consul General of France in Atlanta and members of his staff, Gwinnett County Associate Superintendent Jonathan Patterson, and a video message from France from Madame Robin, Rector for the Academie de Nancy Metz. Special thanks to Mountain View High School and their outstanding French teacher, Mrs. Rhonda Archer!

- [Watch Video of French MOU Signing](#)

World Language Educator of the Month



Congratulations to Mrs. Bruny Negroni for being recognized as the World Language Educator of the Month for March. Mrs. Negroni was surprised with the award March 13 at Effingham County High School, where she teaches Spanish 2, 3 and AP Spanish. We loved the following comments submitted as part of her nomination: "Mrs. Negroni is an exemplar to teachers everywhere. She is always willing to help teachers and students alike with a ready smile on her face. Students love and respect Mrs. Negroni and she is always able to get the best out of them."

New Dual Language Immersion Video

As part of an ongoing project entitled the Georgia Dual Language Immersion Video Diary, we took our cameras to visit the International Charter School of Atlanta (ICSAtlanta) in Roswell. ICSAtlanta implements a language immersion program in all grades and disciplines where students learn the current Georgia education standards in a language immersion environment. ICSAtlanta offers Chinese, French, German and Spanish language tracks. Next year, there will be at least 13 new DLI programs in Georgia, bringing the total number of programs in the state over 50.

- [Watch Video](#)

[Read Additional World Languages Updates](#)

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SOCIAL STUDIES

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GaDOE Social Studies Wants YOU!

Join us for the leadership webinar and summer workshops!

Assessment Upcoming Dates

Join us for Episode 3 of Adventures with Joy and JoAnn in which we will highlight amazing resources, share insights from workshops across the state, and reveal upcoming opportunities!

- Monday, April 10, 2018 1 p.m.
[Registration](#)

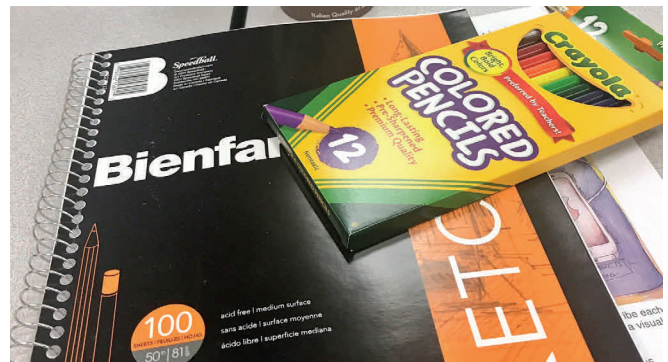
Social Studies Summer Workshops - 3rd and 4th Grade History Refresher

Join grade-level colleagues in this lively, hands-on crash course on topics in U.S. History. We will model use of engaging inquiry strategies and resources while reinforcing and extending the content knowledge needed to teach the new Social Studies GSE. The workshop is facilitated by GaDOE Social Studies Specialist JoAnn Wood.

Please note: GaDOE is unable to reimburse for travel expenses.



Let's Get Visual! Inquiry-based Instructional Activities that SWIRL



Explicitly teaching Visual Literacy in social studies increases engagement and allows students to make connections between their lives and history. This workshop will teach you how to: build visual literacy with visual journals, enhance your inquiry lessons, and incorporate the art standards with your existing lessons to create personal meaning for students. You do not have to be “good” at art to attend this workshop!

The workshop, facilitated by GaDOE’s Social Studies (Joy Hatcher, JoAnn Wood), & Fine Arts (Jessica Booth) teams and is appropriate for teachers and school, district, and RESA leaders. Activities will be shared and modeled for K-12.

Please note: GaDOE is unable to reimburse for substitutes or travel expenses for this opportunity.

Inquiry-based Learning in Social Studies Classrooms

In this interactive session, work with Joy Hatcher, GaDOE Social Studies Program Manager, to meet your daily required dose of inquiry and keep students on their mental toes. Ideas and resources for infusing inquiry-based learning in grades 6-12 will be shared. Bring your own ideas and take home some new ones.

- [View Available Dates and Registration Information for all Three Sessions](#)

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TEACHER & LEADER SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT

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Georgia Induction Summit 2018

On May 4, 2018, Georgia's Induction Summit 2018: Attaining New Heights in Teacher and Principal Induction through Teacher and Leader Effectiveness will feature general sessions and breakout sessions at Middle Georgia State University in Macon. This year's summit themes will provide presentations, resources, and networking opportunities through four lens: attracting, preparing, recruiting, and retaining effective teachers and leaders.

- [Registration](#)

For additional information please email Dr. Kathy Reese at kreese@doe.k12.ga.us.

Teacher Leader Support and Development (TLSD) Platform

The TLSD team will offer Electronic Platform Training sessions at various locations as the transition is made from Performance Matters to the Student Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). SLDS will house all TKES and LKES evaluations beginning July 1, 2018.

- [Registration Information](#)

Each year the TLSD Platform team creates a presentation to dig a bit deeper into a component of the TLSD Platform. Based on the feedback received at the Data Conference "Deeper Dive" presentation this year, the TLSD Team reconfigured the presentation and tailored it to meet the needs of districts. It is entitled "Optimizing Evaluation Data." The TLSD Platform team reached out to districts to see how they were using the TLSD Platform to capture data and how they utilized the data in their districts.

The team looked at the research for effective data literacy practices in order to show districts how to extrapolate and analyze their TLE Platform data so that districts can make high-stake decisions. During this presentation we show districts how to:

- See Trends across Multiple Years
- Treat Formative Data as Summative Data
- Analyze Subgroup Level III Ratings
- Identify if Teacher Needs are being met based on Self-Assessment
- Utilize Summative Data
- Organize Data into Quick, Readable Reports

For additional information or if you would like to schedule a presentation in your district, contact Melinda Moe at mmoe@doe.k12.ga.us.

Federal Programs Conference

The annual Federal Programs Conference is an opportunity for federal grant administrators to learn about administrative updates, best practices, innovative initiatives, and explore the impact on student learning. Please plan to come June 13-14, 2018 at the Georgia International Convention Center Atlanta Airport Marriott Gateway.

- [Registration Information](#)

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SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

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2018 Institute Designed for Educating All Students (IDEAS) Conference

June 5 to 8, 2018
Epworth by the Sea
St. Simons Island, GA

We invite you to attend Georgia's only teacher conference supporting the education of students with disabilities: the IDEAS Conference showcases excellence in the field (no registration fee). Discover the latest products and systems, broaden your contacts in the community, and share your own expertise.

- [Additional Information](#)
- [Registration](#)
- [Submit Proposal](#)

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Governor's Fitness Awards

A student who scores in the Healthy Fitness Zone® (HFZ) in at least five test categories of the FITNESSGRAM® assessment is eligible to receive the Governor's Fitness Award. The trunk lift may also be utilized as an additional test item to help students get into the HFZ in five categories.

These are free recognition certificates. Please contact Mike Tenoschok at mtenoschok@doe.k12.ga.us with your award request.

ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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Assessment Upcoming Dates

State Testing Windows

- **4/09/2018 to 5/18/2018** GA Milestones EOG Main Admin
- **4/23/2018 to 6/01/2018** GA Milestones EOC Main Admin
- **5/07/2018 to 5/18/2018** AP Admin
- **5/11/2018 to 5/11/2018** GKIDS Administration Window Closes
- **5/14/2018 to 7/20/2018** Grades 3,5, & 8 Summer EOG Retest
- **6/18/2018 to 7/20/2018** GA Milestones EOC Summer Admin

Assessment Training and Webinars Remaining

- **5/10/2018** Alt ACCESS for ELs Post-Admin
- **5/15/2018** ACCESS for ELs Post-Admin
- **5/30/2018** GA Milestones Central Office Services
- **6/05/2018** GAA Post-Admin

GEORGIA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

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GaVS Enrolling Now for Summer 2018

Georgia Virtual School is now enrolling students for the summer 2018 semester. Summer semester is an excellent time to take a course to get ahead for the coming school year, create flexibility in a school schedule, or recover a credit from the previous school year. A wide variety of courses are offered across all content areas, and courses are available on a six-week and five-week schedule. Classes begin June 4 or June 11, and all classes end July 13.

- [Learn More](#)

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STEM/STEAM

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Georgia STEM Day

Georgia STEM Day 2018 is May 4! How are you celebrating? Georgia STEM Day is a day for schools, educators, students, and companies to engage in activities involving science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). By celebrating Georgia STEM Day on May 4, you are helping to raise awareness of the importance of STEM in our state. Join the thousands of teachers, schools, and districts that have already registered to participate in this STEM celebration.

- [Registration](#)

Woodruff Arts Center Educator Conference

Presented by the Alliance Theatre and Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the fifth annual Woodruff Arts Center Educator Conference will take place June 5-7, 2018. Over the course of three days, participants will experience world-class art and engage in workshops led by professional artists and educators in order to reflect upon this year's theme: Igniting Imagination.

This conference is a great opportunity for educators and administrators seeking STEAM certification to gain exposure to classroom arts-based and teaching and learning strategies.

- [Registration](#)

Games for Change Student Challenge

In collaboration with STEM@GTRI and CEISMC, Games for Change (G4C) is kicking off its first year in Atlanta! The Games for Change Student Challenge is a game design competition that invites public middle and high school students to make digital games about issues impacting their communities, combining digital storytelling with civic engagement. Winning games will be celebrated at an awards ceremony in May where students receive game prizes, technology mentorships and more!

Games for Change Student Challenge details include:

- Each Jam runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- These events are FREE and lunch will be provided
- Free parking is available on-site

It is highly recommended that you bring your own laptop!

- [April 14th Registration](#)

Sagamore Hills Elementary Celebrates National Engineers Week

Stephanie Spencer, a STEM teacher at Sagamore Hills Elementary, started a STEM Gems Club following this year's Georgia STEM Forum. She shares: "On Tuesday, February 20 we were fortunate to have Stephanie Espy visit our STEM Gems Club. She spoke to the girls for over an hour. The girls peppered her with questions about her career as a chemical engineer, things she had to overcome, why she wrote the book, how she remained confident in a career with predominately male colleagues and many more. She reminded the girls that they need to ask questions, work hard, and be sure to find mentors along the way. What an exciting way to start our celebration of National Engineers Week!"

- [More Information](#)

2018 STEM/STEAM Forum Call for Proposals

STEM/STEAM Georgia will host the 2018 STEM/STEAM Forum October 22-23 in Athens. Proposals are welcome for the following conference strands:

- Interdisciplinary Math and Science Instruction
- STEAM and Arts-Based Research
- Nontraditional Student Participation
- CTAE in STEM and STEAM
- Content-Based Technology Integration
- Industry and Community Spotlight
- [More Information on Conference Strands](#)
- [Submit Proposal](#)

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SCHOOL AND DISTRICT EFFECTIVENESS

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Math Summer Institute

The Division of School and District Effectiveness in partnership with the Division of Teaching and Learning will host a Math Summer Institute from July 10-12, 2018. Participants will engage in authentic, hands-on applications of the mathematics Georgia Standards of Excellence with a focus on vertical progressions. The interactive sessions will be led by Georgia Master Educators.

Dates and Location

The Mathematics Summer Institute will be held July 10-12, 2018, at the Macon Centreplex in Macon. This is a three-day training. The primary audience for the Mathematics Summer Institute is Georgia mathematics educators.

Tentative Agenda

- 8 to 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sessions will be provided for Grades K-2, Grades 3-4, Grades 5-7, and Grades 8-10
- Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Agenda Highlights

Participants will receive all materials, handouts, and resources utilized in the three-day training to take back to their schools to use in their classrooms.

Registration

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register by April 16, 2018. Participants are expected to attend all three days of the Math Summer Institute. The trainings will be organized in grade-level bands (K-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-10).

- [Math Summer Institute Registration](#)

If you have any questions or require technical assistance, please contact Andrea Cruz (acruz@doe.k12.ga.us) or Christy Jones (chjones@doe.k12.ga.us).

ESOL

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New WIDA Standards-based Instructional Framework Rollout

In 2019, WIDA will introduce a new standards-based instructional framework. An informational flyer that provides overview of the WIDA standards-based instructional framework was e-mailed to all ESOL/Title III Directors in March. WIDA is requesting input from all Consortium members. A draft instructional framework for public input will be e-mailed to all ESOL/Title III directors from March 22 – April 20.

- [Additional Information](#)

WIDA Summer 2018 Professional Learning Academies

The Registration is open for the following Summer 2018 Academies:

Leading Schools for Language Learner Achievement

June 19-21, 2018
Raleigh, NC

Scaffolding Learning Through Language

July 31 - August 2, 2018
Salt Lake City, UT

Leading Schools for Language Learner Achievement

August 14-16, 2018
St. Louis, MO

- [Registration Information](#)



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CTAE

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Preparing for FY19

CTAE instructors are encouraged to attend and participate in professional learning and development through conferences and workshops offered throughout the school year and extended into the summer.

- [Review Event Dates](#)

If more information is needed, please use the CTAE Staff Contact page to contact a [CTAE Program Specialist](#).

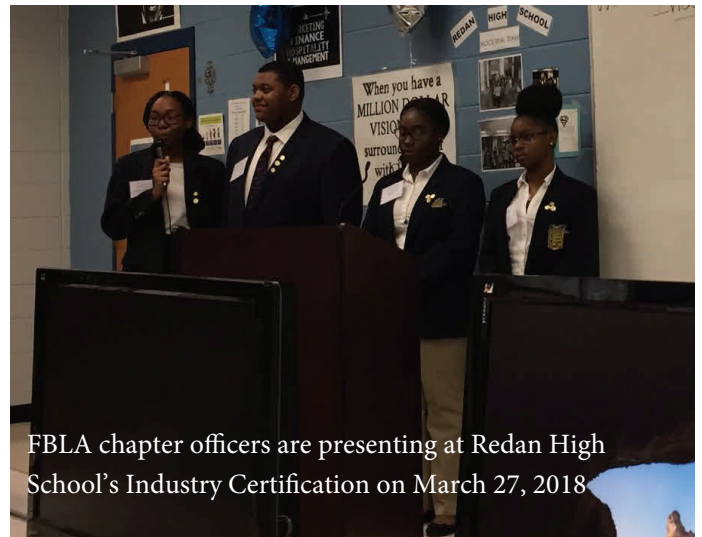
Career Technical Student Organizations Update

During the months of April, May, and June 2018, Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) hold competitions and leadership activities at national leadership conferences. Students who have competed at the state level and placed within the top five can represent their CTSO at a national conference. Students attending national conferences will be inspired by dynamic keynote speakers, compete to win awards and scholarships, and continue to network with other CTSO members from across the United States. If you have any questions about these events, please visit the respective CTSO website or contact your CTSO Executive Director.

CTSO Events

- **FIRST Robotics Competition State Championship**, April 5-7
- **37th CTI State Leadership Conference**, April 11-13
- **FIRST Robotics Championships** (Houston, TX), April 19-21

- **DECA International Career Development Conference** (Atlanta), April 21-24
- **CTSO Summer State Officer Training**, June 1-3
- **HOSA International Leadership Conference** (Dallas, TX), June 20-23
- **TSA National Leadership Conference** (Atlanta), June 22-26
- **FBLA National Leadership Conference** (Baltimore, MD), June 28-July 1



FBLA chapter officers are presenting at Redan High School's Industry Certification on March 27, 2018.

- **FCCLA National Leadership Conference** (Atlanta), June 28-July 2
- **SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference** (Louisville, KY), June 25-29
- [More Information](#)
- [Other Events](#)