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# Curriculum & Instruction Updates

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## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

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### SBOE Approves MOWR Rule Amendment

On November 3, 2016, the State Board of Education approved an amendment to Rule 160-4-2-.34 DUAL ENROLLMENT – MOVE ON WHEN READY. This Rule was initiated in June of 2016 and adopted on July 14, 2016, in compliance with the "Move On When Ready Act" as stated in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-161.3 and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-149.2.

A Rule amendment was needed to align with amendments to SBOE Rule 160-3-1-.07 TESTING PROGRAMS - STUDENT ASSESSMENT regarding requirements for MOWR students and the End of Course (EOC) assessment. The amendment for the Dual Enrollment – Move On When Ready Rule will include the following language: (I) However, State Board of Education Rule 160-3-1-.07 TESTING PROGRAMS – STUDENT ASSESSMENT (2)(j)1 establishes certain exemptions from end-of-course assessments. This proposed Rule amendment will provide additional flexibility for students participating in the Move On When Ready Program.

## FREE RESOURCES

Did you know that GaDOE offers FREE units and lesson plans for all 6-12 courses offered by GAVS?

- Find them here

## STRIVING READERS

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### Georgia Striving Readers Winter Institutes

- Elementary Institute-South
  January 6-7, 2017
  Rainwater Conference Center
  Valdosta, GA
  Registration
- Secondary Institute-South
  January 9-10, 2017
  Rainwater Conference Center
  Valdosta, GA
  Registration
- Secondary Institute-North
  January 11-12, 2017
  Clarence Brown Conference Center
  Cartersville, GA
  Registration
- Elementary Institute-North
  January 13-14, 2017
  Clarence Brown Conference Center
  Cartersville, GA
  Registration
- Early Learning Institute-South
  February 10-11, 2017
  Lake Blackshear Resort
  Cordele, GA
  Registration
- Early Learning Institute-North
  February 24-25, 2017
  Clarence Brown Conference Center
  Cartersville, GA
  Registration

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## SOCIAL STUDIES

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### Social Studies Is On a Roll……out!

Our Leadership Webinar Series launches in November with "Meat and Taters, AKA Content and Instruction." In this webinar we will discuss the implications of specific major changes in selected subjects or grade levels. We will also provide attendees with a strategy that leaders can use now to address the transition from GPS to GSE. Join us live on Monday, November 14 at 1:00 P.M.

- Registration

Social Studies course and grade level Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) continue to grow by leaps and bounds. Georgia educators can join our Virtual Specialists at monthly K-12 webinars for a lively discussion of resources, lesson plans, and best practices. The PLCs located on edWeb.net provide resources and a way for teachers to network with others throughout the state.

- Join Online Community
- View Scheduled Monthly K-12 webinars

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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### Announcements

On November 3, 2016, the State Board of Education approved the posting of standards for a core English course, Post Secondary Options English/Reading. The proposed course was written and submitted by a Georgia school district.

**Post Secondary Options (PSO) English/Reading** is designed to provide increased flexibility for core English courses leading to a high school diploma. The PSO English/Reading would be a core English course serving as an alternative to American Literature or a another English course. If approved, PSO English/Reading will be included on the list of state-funded courses beginning in 2017-2018 and will be available for all Georgia school districts for students who entered ninth grade in 2008-2009 or subsequent years.

A draft of the proposed Post-Secondary Options (PSO) English/Reading course standards and a survey for feedback are available for public review and comment from November 4, 2016, until Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

We welcome your comments and hope you will forward the information to ELA teachers in your district for their input.

### NCTE Conference – Amazing News!

Close to 1,000 Georgia educators signed up for the conference through the GaDOE-NCTE special rate! The convention program is now online in PDF form.

First timers: NCTE will be hosting a FREE Newcomer's breakfast on Friday, November 18. Sign up for a ticket via the online registration form; select the button that says, "I would like to add items without registration." Space is limited to 400 - sign up soon!

Twitter chat: NCTE is hosting a Twitter chat (#nctechat) on Sunday, November 13, at 8 p.m. ET to discuss everything #ncte16. Be sure to join the conversation; this would be a great time to learn more about the convention.

### Building a Culture of Writing

**November's line-up:**

Tuesday, November 15, 2016; K–5 Writing Genres, Dr. Roberta Gardner and Rachel Gilmore

Thursday, November 17, 2016; 6–12 Writing Genres, Dr. Donna Alvermann and Crystal Beach

- View Recorded Sessions on GeorgiaStandards.Org
- Join us on Twitter: @GaDOEELA #cultureofwriting

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## MATHEMATICS

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### Announcements

Please welcome Dr. Lya Snell to the GaDOE Mathematics Program. Dr. Snell brings both expertise and experience in K-12 mathematics education and will serve as the team's Elementary Mathematics Specialist.

On November 3, 2016, the State Board of Education approved the posting of standards for two mathematics courses, Advanced Finite Mathematics and Post-Secondary Options Mathematics. The proposed courses were written and submitted by Georgia school districts.

**Advanced Finite Mathematics** is designed to meet the needs of advanced students who have completed GSE Pre-Calculus or the equivalent and plan to pursue careers which require the mastery of discrete mathematics topics often associated with modern computer science. Advanced Finite Mathematics will serve as an alternative to Calculus or another similar fourth mathematics course. The course standards have been approved by the State Mathematics Advisory Council and the University System of Georgia. If approved, this course will be included in the list of state-funded courses beginning in 2017-2018 and will be available for all Georgia school districts for students who entered ninth grade in 2008-2009 or subsequent years.

A draft of the proposed Advanced Finite Mathematics course standards and a survey for feedback are available for public review and comment from November 3, 2016, until Friday, December 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

**Post-Secondary Options (PSO) Mathematics** is designed to provide increased flexibility for core mathematics courses leading to a high school diploma. PSO Mathematics would be a core mathematics course serving as a substitute for either Analytic Geometry/Geometry or Advanced Algebra/ Algebra II depending on the student's graduation plan and post-graduation goals. If approved, this course would be included on the list of state-funded courses beginning in 2016-2017 and will be available for all Georgia school districts for students who entered ninth grade in 2008-2009 or subsequent years.

A draft of the proposed Post-Secondary Options (PSO) Mathematics course standards and a survey for feedback are available for public review and comment from November 4, 2016, until Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. EST.

We welcome your feedback regarding both courses and hope you will forward the information to mathematics educators in your district for their input.

## GEORGIA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

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### GaVS Teacher of The Year

On Saturday, October 22nd, at the Fall Professional Learning Symposium in Cumming, Georgia, Mallory Kirkland was named as the Georgia Virtual Learning Teacher of The Year for 2016-2017. Mallory is truly a dynamic, engaging, innovative teacher who shares an immense passion for her students and English Language Arts instruction. In addition to serving as a full-time online instructor, Mallory also participates in course development, professional learning sessions, field experiences, and serves as a Georgia Virtual School mentor to new faculty. Throughout the coming year, Mallory will represent the strength, integrity, and talent of the GaVS program. Congratulations to Mallory Kirkland and the year's finalists!

### Technology Teacher Grants

**What Could You Do with $1,000 for Your Classroom ?**

Directpackages.com understands the importance of technology not only for entertainment, but also as a tool for learning. Therefore, they are giving teachers the opportunity to enter to win $1,000 to spend on classroom technology that will facilitate a more constructive learning environment.

- More Information

## SCIENCE

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### Science Webinar Series for District and School Leaders

A series of five webinars has been planned to support District and School Leaders in understanding the shifts in science instruction that are expected as a result of the implementation of the Science Georgia Standards of Excellence.

There is information below on the dates and times for each webinar (the first two have already taken place) and the link to register. All webinars and corresponding Power Points are being archived at the Georgia Department of Education Science Program page.

- August 18, 2016
  Highlights of Changes and Professional Learning Plan Webinar (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)
  For District and School Administrators
- Oct. 13, 2016
  Understanding Instruction Under the New Science GSE Webinar (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)
  For District and School Administrators
- Nov. 15, 2016
  Making Thinking Visible, A Way to Assess Science Learning Webinar (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)
  For District and School Administrators
- Dec. 12, 2016
  Addressing Differentiation in The Science Classroom Webinar (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)
  For District and School Administrators
- Jan. 18, 2017
  Universal Design for Learning Supporting Science Instruction Webinar (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)
  For District and School Administrators

### GAOME Symposium

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The Georgia Association Of Multilingual Educators (GAOME) is announcing their second annual GAOME Symposium entitled, "Nurturing and Sustaining Culturally and Linguistically Flourishing Communities." The dates for the symposium will be March 24-25, 2017 at Georgia State University, College of Education in Atlanta, Georgia. The keynote speaker is scheduled to be Dr. Nelson Flores. The cost to register is $70.00 for nonmembers and $40.00 for members.

- Registration

In addition, GAOME encourages you to submit a proposal for your participation in the symposium.

- Submit Proposals

Please share this information with ESOL teachers, dual language teachers, foreign language teachers and coordinators statewide.

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## COLLEGE READINESS AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

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### AP 2017 AP Teacher Training Grant

To support your ongoing efforts for improving the academic achievement of students, the Teaching and Learning Team is pleased to announce is pleased to announce the Advanced Placement Teacher Training Grant. This grant opportunity is for Georgia high schools and is designed to assist in training teachers at AP Summer Institutes.
Consideration will be given to all high schools with emphasis on schools with the fewest number of AP courses. School districts may apply for a grant up to a maximum amount of $800.00 per teacher for up to 2 teachers to participate in the 2017 AP Summer Institute trainings in any of the specified courses identified in the application.

All applications must be received by the Department no later than 4:00 p.m. on or before December 6, 2016. If you would like a copy of the application, please email Gail Humble at the email address below.

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### CTAE

**MOWR Update**
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The new 2017 MOWR Student Participation Form has been posted and distributed for use for Spring and Summer semesters.

**School Counseling**
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- Upcoming Webinars
- Latest Move On When Ready Participation Agreement

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

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### IDEAS Conference SAVE the DATE

2017 IDEAS Conference
June 6-9, 2017
Epworth By the Sea
St. Simons Island, GA

Coming soon! After the first of the year, The IDEAS Committee will be seeking proposals that reflect best practices in education in a wide variety of topic areas. This conference is designed for special and general education teachers who work with students with disabilities. Please encourage your GREAT teachers to share their knowledge and expertise for best practices by submitting a proposal and attending the event. If you have practices that would benefit our teachers please consider submitting a proposal to the IDEAS committee.

### Fine Arts

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**Fine Arts Diploma Seal Deadline December 15th**

Schools and districts interested in awarding the GaDOE Fine Arts Diploma Seal to graduating seniors in the spring must submit the applications to jbooth@doe.k12.ga.us by December 15th, 2016. Information on awarding the seal, including frequently asked questions, application, timeline and award rubric can all be found at www.GaDOE.org/fine-arts.