

World Languages & Global Workforce Initiatives

It's a Small World After All



A coalition of federal and state funded language and business-oriented partners is coming together to establish the Greater Atlanta Coalition for Global Education and Research (GAcGEAR).

The Greater Atlanta Coalition for Global Education and Research seeks to align global educational programs K-20 in the Atlanta region with the greater international economic efforts currently underway by numerous state and local agencies.

The coalition's goal is to foster a dialogue to create a unified global education and economic vision for workforce development in the area of language education and global competencies for the greater Atlanta region. Another goal is to create greater synergy of effort and focus toward building the essential linguistic and intercultural skills required for the regions' global workforce and further enhance the economic advantage of Georgia in the region's preeminence in the global 21st century marketplace.

Recently, representatives from the interpreting and translation business community sat

down together with members of the world language education community for the very first Georgia Language Industry and Education Summit. The event included presentations from several Language Service Providers, district world language leadership, The Atlanta Association of Interpreters and Translators (AAIT), the Medical Interpreters of Georgia (MING) as well as representatives from legal translation and interpreting and American Sign Language.

A second summit is planned for February of 2020. The goal of this group is to foster dialogue and the exchange of information between all participants and to work toward building greater articulation between world language talent at the high school level and the needs of this growing industry.

To find out more about these initiatives and other programs, such as the International Skills Diploma Seal, Georgia Seal of Biliteracy and Dual Language Immersion, contact Patrick Wallace, Program Specialist for World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives, Georgia Department of Education, pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us