Welcome back for the 2019-20 school year! The year ahead is already brimming with opportunities for world language educators and students. The world language events calendar has been updated and you can see the latest version here. Let's get started looking at some of the events ahead you need to know about.

Georgia Seal of Biliteracy Update
The deadline for the 2nd cycle of the 2018-19 Georgia Seal of Biliteracy reporting is May 1. Remember: this reporting cycle is to retroactively award seals to 2018-19 senior students earning this recognition via their AP and IB scores from this summer. Please visit our Ga Seal of Biliteracy page for more details and review our Guidance at a Glance Document. The end of the 1st cycle of the 3rd year of the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy saw a record 1,244 Georgia seniors earn the seal in 13 different languages from 30 participating districts from all over Georgia.

Also, a new Georgia Seal of Biliteracy Tier 2 Test has been approved. The LAS Links Español test now also qualifies students to receive the Seal of Biliteracy. To see a complete list of qualifying tests, visit our updated Seal of Biliteracy Test graphic here.

Atlanta Global Studies Center News
The Atlanta GlobalStudies Center seeks proposals from Georgia K-12 teachers for course development projects in less commonly taught languages and global learning. Priority will be given to proposals that include engaging lesson ideas for teachers and students, easily-reproducible lesson plans for a unit along with supporting teaching materials in the target language or content area, and resources for extending lessons. Grant funding will be awarded as a professional stipend to compensate teachers for devoting their time to develop quality materials to enhance language instruction in the target languages. Deadline for submissions is October 1. Follow this link for details. You can find out more on our professional development page.

Dual Language Immersion & GADII
This year will see the expansion of Dual Language Immersion programs in Georgia to 61 programs, with Marietta City Schools joining the family of DLI districts. A new Korean DLI program will also open this year in Gwinnett County.

This year’s 6th annual Georgia Dual Language Immersion Institute (GADII) will take place Saturday, August 24 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Truett Cathy Professional Learning Center in Jonesboro. Take a sneak peak at the program via this link. Registration is free via this link. We have over 30 sessions for DLI teachers, English partner teachers and administrators. Come join us and find out more about this innovative and effective model.

Latest CULTR News
Mark your calendars! This year's CULTR World Languages Day will take place October 10. Registration is open, with limited space & the deadline is September 6. Find out more information via this link. Teachers who submit a THRIVE Video by August 31 will receive a free World Language Day T-shirt! Find out more via this link. Upcoming CULTR Teacher Professional Development Workshop dates can be found on our website here, with facilitators and topics soon to come!

RESA Workshops for 2019-2020
This year we will travel across the state delivering workshops on core practices and updates in World Languages and Global Education. We invite you to join us! More coming soon!
10/2/2019 - SouthWest Ga RESA (Link to Register)
10/17/2019 - NWGa RESA (Link to register)
10/24/2019 - West Ga RESA (Link to register)
10/28/2019 – Metro RESA (Link to register)
2/11/2020—NWGa RESA (Link to register)
2/18/2020 – Metro RESA (Link to register)
11/8/2019 – Chatt-Flint RESA (Link to register)
International Skills Diploma Seal Update
The International Skills Diploma Seal now has two application submission deadlines. The first cycle deadline is August 30 and the 2nd cycle deadline is December 15. You can find out more about the program on our website here. This year's ISDS Awards ceremony will be held Thursday, April 23, 2020.

2019 Jubilee International Symposium
GaDOE World Languages is excited to partner with Habitat for Humanity, the Stepans Foundation and Furlow Charter School to bring to you the 2019 Jubilee International Symposium in Americus this October! Find out more and register free here.

Coming Soon! New WL GaLearns Course
GaDOE World Languages is excited to partner with GaLearns on the development of a new online PD course for Georgia WL Teachers available this fall! The course will focus on core high leverage teaching practices in the WL classroom!

Teacher Pipeline Capacity Building
The innovative and first of its kind STARTALK Multi-State Pathways to Teaching Institute this summer is a collaboration with the states of Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia (Southern Atlantic Language Collaborative) and ACTFL. The program seeks to help train and guide teachers on their pathways to certification in their respective states. Forty teachers recently participated in the seven-day intensive on-site institute at the University of North Carolina Charlotte.

World Language Educator of the Month
Do you know a teacher who deserves to be nominated for the GaDOE WL Educator of the Month? Nominate them vis this link today!

Georgia State University offers full tuition support for Spanish FL teachers to get DLI Endorsement.
Full tuition support is available for foreign language educators proficient in Spanish and interested in becoming a dual language immersion teacher in Georgia. Find out more information here.

Updated K-12 State Funded Course List
The 2019-20 list of K-8 subjects and 9-12 courses has been updated. The new list includes the seven new world language classes added in January. This includes the six new middle school DLI courses and the Spanish for Native Speakers level 3 course. To see the list follow this link.

Making Languages our Business: Addressing Foreign Language Demand—Full Report Link
Useful Links

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- GaDOE World Language Calendar
- Nominate a colleague for the World Language Educator of the Month
- Consider contributing a THRIVE Video with CULTR
- FLAG Conference Proposals due Sept 30th.
- SCOLT Conference Proposals due Sept 1st.
- Making Languages our Business Report Link
- 7 new world language courses have been added to the state funded course list. See them here.
- Russian Flagship Program at UGA
- Portuguese Flagship Program at UGA
- Chinese Flagship Program at UNG
- Georgia Seal of Biliteracy
- Georgia International Skills Diploma Seal
- Georgia’s Dual Language Immersion Initiative
- DLI Dashboard.

Looking Ahead

Mark your Calendars!
- Aug. 10 AATJ Meeting
- Aug. 24 Ga DLI Institute (GADII)
- Aug. 30 1st deadline for ISDS Applications
- Sept. 7 FLAIR Fall Conference Augusta
- Sept. 21 AATSP Conference at John’s Creek HS.
- Sept. 28 Chinese Teacher Workshop Ga State U.
- Oct. 6 Japanese Teacher Workshop
- Oct. 10 World Languages Day at CULTR
- Oct. 19 English Partner Teacher Workshop
- Nov. 9 AATF-Ga Meeting in Augusta
- Nov. 22-24 ACTFL in Washington D.C.
- Dec. 15 2nd deadline for ISDS applications
- March 6-7 FLAG Conference in Atlanta
- March 26-28 SCOLT Conference in Mobile, Al.
- April 16-17 World Language Leadership Institute
- April 23-25 Atlanta Global Studies Symposium
- April 23 International Skills Diploma Seal Awards Ceremony.
- May 1 Deadline for 1st cycle of Ga Seal of Biliteracy

For a complete list, please see our updated calendar here.

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