Good afternoon world language professionals!

A Reminder: These updates are archived on the bottom of our professional development page here and the calendar has been updated below.

It is my pleasure to present to you the last GaDOE World Language Update for 2018. Looking back over the year, I’m amazed at all we have accomplished and excited about what lies ahead for us in 2019! Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy holiday season and a happy new year! Today and every day, we are proud to serve GA’s school districts, schools, administrators, teachers, parents and students! Supporting and celebrating GA’s diverse communities and empowering future generations to succeed both within and beyond our borders

- Looking for a job? – Be sure to check out our openings listed later in the update.
- Mark your calendars and help spread the word, the 2nd annual Georgia World Language Job Fair will be held on Saturday, Feb 23rd from 9am – 12pm at North Atlanta HS. GaPSC Representatives will be on hand as well as area districts and schools seeking WL/immersion teachers for next year!

The 2nd Annual Statewide Georgia World Language Job Fair
Saturday, February 23rd 9am – 12:00pm
North Atlanta High School

Are you looking for a job as a world language teacher in Georgia?
Want to connect with the Georgia PSC and find out about certification pathways in the area of world languages?
Want to discover what opportunities exist for you to further your degree in world languages or education?

Make your plans to attend today! Bring your Resumes and your questions!

The Georgia Department of Education World Languages is happy to announce that the 2nd annual statewide world language job fair will take place on Saturday, February 23rd at North Atlanta High School from 9am - 12pm. The job fair will feature booths from Georgia districts hiring world language teachers for the 2019-2020 school year, sessions from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission on world language certification pathways and information on programs for continuing education from university and college partners.

- Have you gotten your badge yet? 3 new free courses are available to anyone in the world (That's right...free to the world) that will introduce you to the NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statement Framework! The 3rd in the series is now available introducing teachers to the Intercultural Communication Can-Do Statements. Find out more about all 3 courses by visiting our professional development page here.
- The Georgia Department of Education World Languages, in collaboration with Berry College, is pleased to offer the 1st annual Northwest Georgia World Language Expo on the beautiful campus of Berry College on Saturday, Feb 9th from 9am - 2pm! Register via this link!
- Registration is now open for the Foreign Language Association of Georgia’s (FLAG) Conference March 8-9th in Augusta. Deadline for online registrations is February 15th, 2019. Register via this link.
- Did you know that Georgia Virtual has number of shared resources available via this website. Resources from Chinese, Japanese, French, Latin, German and Spanish.
- GT Modern Languages has put forward a call for applications for their new 1-year M.S. in Global Media and Cultures and M.S. in Applied Language and Intercultural studies. More information
They are having an Open House on the new programs to all students and potential applicants in the Atlanta Metro Area. RSVP here: https://gatech.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bvdTAhmJt27Jy2V

Check out this great list of French American Events taking place this winter!
We are excited to host Georgia’s first German Immersion Teacher workshop in partnership with our friends from the German American Cultural Foundation and the International Charter School of Atlanta on Saturday, January 19th from 9am - 12pm. German Immersion teachers from Georgia and the region are invited to attend.

**Announcing the 1st Annual Georgia German Immersion Teacher Workshop**
**Saturday, January 19th from 9am – 12pm.**
**The International Charter School of Atlanta**

The Georgia Department of Education World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives in partnership with the German American Cultural Foundation is proud to host Georgia’s first German Immersion Teacher Workshop. The workshop will take place on Saturday, January 19th from 9am – 12pm at the International Charter School of Atlanta lower campus. Light breakfast items and coffee will be provided by our partners at the German American Cultural Foundation. We invite all German immersion teachers in Georgia (public and private) and any that wish to attend from the Southeastern Region to join us. We hope to see you there!

Location: 1335 Northmeadow Parkway, Suite 100, Roswell, GA 30076

Supported by:

The American Councils is thrilled to announce the launch of their Dual Language Immersion Capstone seminar that will take place in July 2019. For their inaugural summer, they will host a four-week immersion program in China specifically designed for US high school students who have gone through Dual Language Immersion programs in the United States. Participants need to have passed the AP Chinese exam or plan to take the exam this spring. Program details, tuition and application information is available on our website at [www.dlistudyabroad.org](http://www.dlistudyabroad.org). They aim to expand the capstone model into Spanish and French in the next two years.

Did you miss our webinar on Georgia’s ground-breaking International Skills Diploma Seal Program? View the recording online [https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/7237241016017783554](https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/7237241016017783554)

Save the dates for Ga's 2nd annual World Language Leadership Institute on April 11th-12th! Registration and Agenda information coming soon!

**Announcing the 2nd Annual Georgia World Language Leadership Institute**
**April 11-12th**
**Savannah Georgia**
**Save the dates!**

Who is it designed for?
- State & district level world language leadership, state and regional cultural partners, university and college world language leadership and regional and state leadership involved in promoting and supporting international education and global workforce development.

Goals of the Institute:
- An opportunity for world language & international education leadership from across the state and region to learn from each other, network and spend time together!
- An opportunity for leaders to receive Professional Development specifically related to your work!
- An opportunity for leaders from various levels to discuss statewide & regional curriculum, goals and direction regarding world languages.
- Highlighted speakers and programs from the state and region.
- Specific goals as determined for each year.

The Georgia Department of Education World Languages is pleased to offer the next DLI in a Day family get together and PD on Jan 26th at the GLOBE ACADEMY in Dekalb County. Registration is free via this link. [Session Proposals can be made via this link](http://www.dlistudyabroad.org).
Join us for the next DLI in a Day!

Are you teaching in a Dual Language Immersion Program and are looking for opportunities to learn best practices from your fellow teachers? Are you interested in learning more about the Dual Language Immersion model and the mounting research and evidence to support its benefits for all students? Then we invite you to join us for DLI in a Day!

**When?** Saturday, January 26th from 8:30am – 12pm

**Where?** The GLOBE ACADEMY (Upper campus) – see registration or website for address

**How much does it cost?** $0.00 (We invite you to be our guest! [please register!])

**How do I register?** Register online at our Eventbrite Registration Page!

**Submit a proposal!** Link to submit a proposal will open until January 2nd.

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- Did you know there is a new DLI Dashboard available that shows you the locations of all of Georgia’s growing DLI programs. [Follow this link to see it.](#) Many thanks to our friends at KSU for putting it together for us!

- The Georgia Department of Education World Languages in partnership with the [Georgia Foundation for Public Education](#) is once again pleased to provide a limited number of competitive grants available to Georgia Dual Language Immersion Programs. The application is below. The deadline to apply is March 2nd, 2019. [The application and rubric are available on our website here.](#)

- Looking for a way to support Dual Language Immersion Programs in Georgia? Consider [donating](#) by following this link and be sure to designate your donation towards Dual Language Immersion. These funds support grants to DLI programs in Georgia!

- It’s time to get into the holiday spirit! [The Atlanta Christkindl Market™](#) is an event sponsored by the GAC-Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the education of German language and culture throughout the southeastern U.S. The event runs from Nov 23rd – Dec 23rd. [More information can be found on their website here!](#)

- FLAG Spoken Language Contest Dates announced!
  - Metro Spoken Language Contest will be held on Saturday, March 16, location TBD
  - The FLES contest will be Saturday, April 27 at [Warren T. Jackson ES](#)
  - The Savannah contest will be held on Saturday, March 2 at [Islands HS](#)

- January 14th is the deadline for new hosting institutions to apply for the College Board Chinese Guest Teacher Program. [Please follow this link for more information.](#)

- The Department of Education produces lots of data -- but if data isn't clear and accessible, it's not useful. Our Georgia Insights initiative takes the data we already collect and presents it using clear, easy-to-understand visuals to empower change. [Find out more via this link.](#)
• **2019-2020 TCLP Applications Now Available.** Deadline for US schools to apply is Jan 22nd. The annual convention of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) will be Friday, November 22 through Sunday, November 24, 2019 (Pre-Convention Workshops scheduled on Thursday, November 21) at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC. The ACTFL Convention features over 800 educational sessions covering a wide spectrum of the language profession. The ACTFL Convention is a national event bringing together over 7,000 attendees from all languages, levels and assignments within the profession. [Session Proposals being accepted until Jan 11th](#).

• Have you heard about the Stevens Initiative? Find out more at their website [https://www.stevensinitiative.org/](https://www.stevensinitiative.org/).

• If you teach German in the Southeast and would like for a Goethe-Zentrum team member to visit your school or classroom, they want to hear from you! Their presentations can accommodate middle school, high school, and university programs. To coordinate a classroom visit to your school, please contact: outreach@german-institute.org.

• Spanish Teachers, Tiatula is offering scholarships for summer study in Salamanca Spain. B2 Spanish Level required. For more information about the program visit their page.

• The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Semester Program for U.S. Teachers (Fulbright DA) provides an opportunity for outstanding elementary, middle, and high school teachers from the United States to take part in a three- to six-month professional development experience abroad.

• We are happy to announce new world language educator professional development training workshops in southern Georgia and in the Metro region in collaboration with Georgia’s RESAs in those areas. The dates for those trainings are below. Additional PD workshops will be forthcoming. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Metro RESA PD opportunities**

Jan 28 Session:

Feb 1 Session:

**South Georgia PD opportunities**

South GA World Language Symposium Day 1: Instructional Leaders March 18, 2019 10:00-2:00 at CPRESA in Lenox (District and School Leaders - lunch provided)

South GA World Language Symposium Day 2: Teachers March 19, 2019 9:00-3:00 at CPRESA in Lenox (Teachers - breakfast and lunch provided)
• SCOLT has released the list of workshops for next year’s conference in Myrtle Beach South Carolina. You can see them here. Have you registered for the SCOLT conference in Myrtle Beach March 21-23rd? Find out more here!
• ACTFL MEMBERS! The 2019 summer scholarship applications are now open for Argentina, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico and Spain! Find out more here.
• The Alliance Francaise of Atlanta announced the winners of its 2018 French & Francophone Culture High School Essay Contest and Middle School Visual Art Contest.
• The AATG Georgia Chapter has announced that the annual State German Convention will be held February 1-2 of this year. More information is available on their website.
• Save the Date – The AATF French Immersion Weekend will take place Feb 22-24th. More information to come!
• Want some information on how to use Tech tools in the modern language classroom? Check out this workshop offered by CULTR on February 16th.
• Applications are now be accepted for the Gilman International Scholarship for eligible undergraduate students. More information via this link.
• Do you know a current world language teacher that has made a difference in your life or the lives of others! Do you know a teacher who goes above and beyond to provide students the critical language and cultural competencies needed for the workforce of today and tomorrow? Whether you are a parent, student, colleague or citizen, we invite you to tell us about them! Please fill out our online nomination form here. Thank you in advance!

Facebook: Georgia Department of Education World Languages
Twitter: gadoeworldlanguages

• Please let us know of any world language teachers receiving awards statewide, we would very much like to join with you in celebrating their accomplishments!

• Likewise, if you know of a program in Georgia that deserves to be highlighted, please contact me at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us

“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.” – Audre Lorde

Teacher Spotlight!

• It was a great pleasure and honor to visit the wonderful world language teachers at Cass High School in Bartow county to talk about expanding world language opportunities for students earlier this month! Awesome teachers and supportive administration will make it happen!

• Richmond county schools is on the move in world languages. It was a great honor to visit with world language leadership in Richmond county this week! The visit included great discussions with the new District coordinator and his world language leadership team. Among
the items discussed, Georgia’s Seal of Biliteracy, International Skills Diploma Seal and information related to Dual Language Immersion. We look forward to continuing to support Richmond county in the months and years ahead! Special thanks to Mr. Lynwood Holmes for his support of our world language teachers!

• Mrs. Michelle Spence, an ESOL teacher in Fayette county has been selected to participate in the 44th annual International Educators to Japan Program. Mrs. Spence will travel to Japan this June to spend nearly two weeks with a host family as she experiences a total immersion in the Japanese language and culture. Congratulations Mrs. Spence! Intercultural exchange is not only good for students but extremely beneficial for teachers as well!

Programs Spotlight!

• Congratulations to the outstanding World Language Teacher Leaders at Dutchtown High School (DHS) and Dutchtown Middle School (DMS) for coordinating International Week 2018 and providing our students with so many experiences rich in culture and cross curricular components! It’s awesome to see the great collaboration between DHS and DMS with putting the event together and it’s evident our students gained much knowledge on various cultural practices around the world and enjoyed sharing about their own cultural experiences. Commendable! Thank you to Ms. Nagel, WL Department Chair, Ms. Moore, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Hendricks, Ms. Rush, Ms. Allen, and Ms. Ramirez for your leadership! Thank you also to Ms. Shaw, DHS Principal, Ms. Griffin DMS Principal, and the wonderful staff at DHS and DMS for their great support for World Languages and Cultures. The DHS cluster’s International Week mirrors International Education Week (IEW), a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education that takes place across our nation November 12-16. IEW is “an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide...efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment.”
• Middle Georgia State University will be holding their annual WL workshop on February 8th from 9am to 2:30 p.m. on their Macon campus (registration will start at 8:30). Their topic this year is “Fostering Intercultural Competence”. Registration is $20 and it includes lunch. Payment should be sent to Dr. Wengier at the address below and checks should be made to “MGA Language Workshop.”

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Associate Professor of French
Department of Media, Culture, and the Arts
Middle Georgia State University
100 University Parkway | Macon, Ga. 31206-5145
Email: sabrina.wengier@mga.edu

• Two seniors at Creekview High School won 1st place in the Cherokee County Social Studies Fair with their project on Sign Language education. Their question was: How does state government impact the education of deaf students? Their research paper detailed government programs and regulations that instructors must follow as well as the aspects of the ASL program here at Creekview High School. As an added bonus they included a short video of them signing. Great job!

• Congratulations to all the students from Fayette county High Schools who competed in the annual Clemson Poetry Declamation Contest! The Forty-Sixth Annual Declamation Contest offered contests in a variety of different languages including; American Sign Language, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian and Spanish

Job Announcements!

Lowndes High School near Valdosta Ga is in need of a long-term sub (for Spanish) for the end of next semester. Interested candidates should contact the school directly. https://lhs.lowndes.k12.ga.us/

Manchester High School in Manchester, GA (Meriwether County Schools) is seeking a Spanish Teacher. Please see job posting here for details or contact Mrs. Sheila Wilson for details at sheila.wilson@mcssga.org

Spanish teacher opening at Alexander High School in Douglasville, Georgia. This position needs to be filled as soon as possible. Please contact Nathan.Hand@dcssga.org.

A great pleasure to visit our friends at the Indian Consulate of Atlanta this week!
Dekalb county

- German Teacher opening at Kittredge Magnet School. See the job announcement here.

Atlanta Public Schools has 2 openings at ML King Middle School, 1 opening at Miles Elementary School and 1 opening at Hollis Academy. Positions are posted online: https://ats4.searchsoft.net/ats/job_board?softsort=COMPANY_ID&COMPANY_ID=MA000623&POSTING_TYPE_ID=00000001&POSTING_TYPE_ID=WA00000002
Interested candidates should complete an application online. Please email Dr. Margaret McKenzie, Coordinator for ESOL & World Languages at mamckenzie@atlanta.k12.ga.us should you need additional information.

The International Charter School of Atlanta
The International Charter School of Atlanta is seeking a German immersion teacher for next school year. If interested, please contact barbara.wiren@icsatlanta.org

Clarke County has a full time Spanish vacancy (grades 6 and 7) at Hilsman Middle School in the Clarke County School District. https://ccsdjobs.hrmplus.net/JobOpenings.aspx Questions can be emailed to: careers@clarke.k12.ga.us

Cobb county

A German teaching position is open in Cobb County at North Cobb HS. More information is available here.

Clayton County Public Schools is expanding world language options for the 2018-2019 school year. The district offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Please send resumes to Dr. Chantal Normil, Director. (Chantal.normil@clayton.k12.ga.us)
One open position of Spanish Teacher at Mundy’s Mill HS.

Henry County

Hampton High School is seeking a Spanish Teacher. Link to job announcement.

Wesley International Academy is currently seeking highly qualified full-time Middle School Chinese teacher. To apply, please send a resume and a cover letter to Anthony.Chung@wesleyacademy.org

Savannah Chatham Schools is seeking up to 3 Spanish teachers to start off the new year in January! Find out more and apply via this link. https://wsavlocal.com/teach-savannah/

The Georgia Governor's Honors Program is seeking a Chinese Instructor for this Summer! See the job announcement here!
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- This information and more is available via the professional development calendar on our webpages and on our professional development page [here](#).
- If you have any events that need to be added, please let me know.

**Useful links for Language Teachers**

- US Dept of Health and Human Services has a great online DLI Toolkit [https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/culture-language/article/dual-language-learners-toolkit?fbclid=IwAR3Lw1u3y4TISrOjI54Lg13rzwdcvBdgwGXUMnXI1Vml9fp9xDrz71k8c5s](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/culture-language/article/dual-language-learners-toolkit?fbclid=IwAR3Lw1u3y4TISrOjI54Lg13rzwdcvBdgwGXUMnXI1Vml9fp9xDrz71k8c5s)
- Spanish Proficiency Exercises [https://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/siteindex.php?fbclid=IwAR2t4_K-MctONsly6CWU7o5n0-gkBiedfobNlI5M8owCG_2C9GPj8ONFj5M](https://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/siteindex.php?fbclid=IwAR2t4_K-MctONsly6CWU7o5n0-gkBiedfobNlI5M8owCG_2C9GPj8ONFj5M)
- The Department of Education produces lots of data – but if data isn't clear and accessible, it's not useful. Our Georgia Insights initiative takes the data we already collect and presents it using clear, easy-to-understand visuals to empower change. [Find out more via this link.](#)
- Using twitter in world language classrooms [https://www.edutopia.org/article/using-twitter-world-language-classes?fbclid=IwAR0dkICpLrgCfuY0RVallO3wi8YPGVG4Q0Anx1WVcENjtPZ5rOQ2RoY](https://www.edutopia.org/article/using-twitter-world-language-classes?fbclid=IwAR0dkICpLrgCfuY0RVallO3wi8YPGVG4Q0Anx1WVcENjtPZ5rOQ2RoY)
- Georgia’s own Meredith White, Spanish Teacher in Gwinnett County, has a youtube channel where she is sharing tips from her classroom. [See it here.](#)
- State School Superintendent Richard Woods underscores the importance of training Georgia students for “the jobs of tomorrow,” and pointed to the opening of a Japanese-language immersion school, the International Charter Academy of Georgia, earlier in the year at a recent gathering.
- Check out this great newsletter on the world language events happening in Forsyth County Georgia! [https://www.smore.com/8ab6v-fcs-world-language-newsletter](https://www.smore.com/8ab6v-fcs-world-language-newsletter)
- The Georgia Ports Authority is on track to reach 4.36 million twenty-foot equivalent container units handled in 2018, its highest volumes ever in a calendar year. The performance would mean an increase of 8 percent (312,385 TEUs) compared to CY2017. Details at [http://ow.ly/cLAi30mVHX9](http://ow.ly/cLAi30mVHX9).
- Atlanta United has won the MLS Cup in only their 2nd season as a team. Their roster is international. [Meet the players via this link.](#)
The Alliance Francaise of Atlanta announced the winners of its 2018 French & Francophone Culture High School Essay Contest and Middle School Visual Art Contest. This year’s contest question gave high school students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on the importance of French & Francophone culture in their global lives. It gave middle school students the opportunity to create visual art pieces reflecting their views about the role of French culture in today's global society.

Multinational transportation company to invest $5.5 million in Gwinnett County expansion
Norfolk Southern moves Headquarters to Atlanta.

**Links to articles related to World Language education.**

- Speaking 2 Languages may help the aging brain
  [https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/speaking-two-languages-may-help-the-aging-brain/2018/12/07/f93489c8-f8b0-11e8-8d64-4e79db33382f_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.a4eb2117f228](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/speaking-two-languages-may-help-the-aging-brain/2018/12/07/f93489c8-f8b0-11e8-8d64-4e79db33382f_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.a4eb2117f228)
- Just 2 of 10 American kids are learning world languages
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