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## Building Opportunity

### GAcGEAR meeting highlights

The **Greater Atlanta Coalition for Global Education and Research** recently held the 20/20 The Future of Atlanta's Global Workforce meeting February 3 at SAGE in Atlanta. Executives from Volantio, UPS, Sage and the Metro Atlanta Chamber joined to start the Conversation of educating for global competence and careers. [GAcGEAR is an initiative](#) through the [Atlanta Global Studies Center](#) at Georgia Tech that seeks to promote linguistic and global competence.

### 2nd Ga. Language Summit highlights

The second Language and Industry Summit on February 6 highlighted the growing need in the translation/interpreting business. In focus at this



meeting was the growing need for certified Georgia legal interpreters.

For the entire state, there are only 176 certified legal court interpreters. District leaders and GaDOE have formed a committee to begin the work of discussing workplace world language course pathways to meet the growing need for educational, legal and medical interpreters across the state.

### Don't receive these updates but want to?

Send us a request at [pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us)

**The Georgia world language events calendar** has been updated and [you can see the latest version here.](#)

### Nation's largest statewide bilingual/world language job fair attracts hundreds of potential teachers!

The 3rd Annual Georgia Statewide Bilingual/World Language Job Fair on February 8 was the largest yet! 45+ schools and systems and hundreds of talented teacher candidates came together for a frosty morning of coffee, discussions and interviews to fill open positions next year! Candidates came from across the Southeast to find out about teaching opportunities in Georgia. If you missed the job fair but would like to be considered for open positions in Georgia, [fill out this survey.](#) Your information will be shared with possible employers.

### Workplace Spanish program set to provide students with national certification

Centennial High School Workplace Spanish students prepare for courtroom observations as part of their path to certification as interpreters! This program is highlighting a growing need in Georgia. Mr. Marcelo Cedano, a legal certified court interpreter, gave students a tour and went into detail about how to interpret in court.

### Competitive DLI Grants now open

GaDOE and the Georgia Foundation for Public Education are again pleased to offer competitive grants to support Georgia's Dual Language Immersion programs. The application period ends March 2. [The 2020 Grant application can be found here.](#)

### Schools join International Skills Diploma Seal program

Congratulations to Hillgrove High School in Cobb County, Forsyth Central High School and Alliance Academy for Innovation in Forsyth County, and Newton County High School for joining the Georgia International Skills Diploma Seal program!



# World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives

## Reaching New Heights

### EdTPA Webinar Announced

Join us March 3 as we continue our webinar series on certification as a world language educator in Georgia. The next webinar will focus on EdTPA, a performance-based, subject-specific assessment leading to certification in Georgia. [Register free here.](#)

### GaPSC Webinar Available

GaDOE and GaPSC teamed up to provide an overview of the pathways to becoming certified as a world language teacher in Georgia. [View the recording via this link.](#) [See a pdf of the presentation here.](#) [Spanish Version.](#)

### Great new Videos from Ga. State on DLI

- [Dual Language Immersion Teacher Testimonials](#) (in Spanish with English subtitles)
- [Dual Language Immersion Programs.](#)

### GaDOE K-12 WL Support Award

Do you know a higher education WL educator who is making a difference in the K-12 world language community? Nominate them today for the GaDOE K-12 World Language Support Award by April 1. [Nominations can be submitted via this link.](#)

### FLAG Spoken Language Contest

Don't forget to register your students for the annual FLAG Spoken Language contest! [See their website](#) for more details.

### English Partner Teacher DLI Materials

If you missed Georgia's first DLI English Partner Teacher Workshop, you can view PDF versions of the presentations on our [professional development page here.](#)

### French DLI Summer Workshops

The French Consulate is happy to announce summer teaching workshops in France for French teachers and French DLI teachers. See the applications & links [on our Professional Development Page here.](#)

## Moving Forward

### Goethe Frühlingsfest Art Competition

The Goethe-Zentrum Atlanta is hosting Fruehlingsfest and as part of the celebration, they are hosting a student art competition. [Find out more via this link.](#)

### Francophonie Drawing Contest!

Francophonie Atlanta Committee is delighted to present the 2020 Drawing Contest as part of the annual Francophonie Festival. [More info available here!](#)

### French DL Fund FIT Fellowships

The French Dual Language Fund allocates FIT Fellowships to future French DLI and Immersion teachers. To find out more, [visit their website located here.](#) [Download the Application here.](#)

### New WL Online PD Webinar Recording Available!

Ms. Ferris from Fulton County did an excellent presentation on how she teaches for proficiency. [You can view the recording via this link.](#) [You can view a pdf of the presentation via this link.](#)

### Online WL Professional Development

GaDOE World Languages has three online courses designed to introduce world language teachers and administrators to the [NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements.](#) Find these and other PL opportunities on our [Professional Development page linked here.](#) Check out these via the links below!

- [Best Practices in Immersion Education - Mrs. Radu](#)
- [Performance, Proficiency and -The Modes - Baby Steps - Mrs. White](#)
- [Tips for the Spanish Classroom](#)

### FLAG Conference Coming in March

**The Annual Foreign Language Association of Georgia** (FLAG) Conference will be held March 6-7 at the Renaissance Hotel in Atlanta. The deadline for early registration is February 1. [Find out more via this link.](#)

## Resources & Links

- [2019 Another Record year for Ga trade and exports.](#)
- [The invisible Burden Some Bilingual Educators face.](#)
- [The Bilingual Brain—the Power of linguistics and Learning.](#)
- [Speaking a 2nd language protects brain from decline.](#)
- [Voice Assistants in the WL classroom](#)

Dr. Jon Valentine from Gwinnett poses the question at a recent GAcGEAR event. How do we connect our growing K-12 language and intercultural programs with the needs and realities of Georgia's global workforce?



## 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](#)
- [Register for this year's FLAG Conference](#)
- [Register for this year's SCOLT Conference](#)
- [Mississippi becomes latest state to pass Seal of Biliteracy](#)
- [Georgia Seal of Biliteracy](#)
- [Georgia International Skills Diploma Seal](#)
- [Georgia's Dual Language Immersion Initiative](#)
- [ACTFL Call for Proposals](#)
- [DLI Dashboard.](#)

## Looking Ahead

### Mark your Calendars!

[See our updated calendar here.](#)

Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to register students for the Ga AATSP Composition Contest. <a href="#">Register here.</a> <a href="#">More info here.</a>  Last day to register for <a href="#">FLAG MS/HS Spoken Language Contest at Islands HS in</a>
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Goethe Zentrum HS Immersion Day</a>
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Metro RESA Workshop Expanding Partnership and Possibilities workshop</a>
Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Submissions due for <a href="#">Goethe-Zentrum Fruehlingsfest Art competition.</a>
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Metro WL Meeting <a href="#">Path to Proficiency Workshop</a> - Middle Ga
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<a href="#">Diving into Learning by Breaking Out</a> Workshop CULTR  <a href="#">FLAG Middle/High School Spoken Language Contest</a> 8am at Islands HS in Savannah

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