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2018-2019 In Review

The Georgia 2018-2019 school year has come to a close and as we look back on the year, we have much to celebrate in the area of World Language Education. Below are just a few of these successes!

- 13 new [Dual Language Immersion programs](#) successfully launched including the state's first Japanese-English program.
- Rising ES enrollment for the 6th straight year
- Increasing participation in [AP language exams](#)
- Increasing numbers of world language pathway completers (Those who complete at least 3 WL courses).
- A record number of students receiving the [Ga Seal of Biliteracy](#) at the close of the first cycle of reporting. (1,244 in 12 languages)
- 857 Georgia seniors received the [International Skills Diploma Seal](#)
- 24% of [Georgia Virtual Enrollment](#) is in World Languages
- Passage of 8 new courses (7 Middle School DLI and Spanish for Native Speakers 3)
- International Day at the Capitol
- Successful Launch of the [Atlanta Global Studies Center](#)
- [CULTR World Language Day](#) attendance tops 1,000.
- 2 DLI in a Day workshops
- 2018 GADII in Douglas County
- [STARTALK Multi-State Pathways to Teaching Institute](#) grant in cooperation with Virginia, NC and ACTFL
- Launch of 3 [GaLearns](#) courses covering the NCSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements
- Webinars on Proficiency teaching ([See our PD Page](#))
- [New Videos added](#) to our DLI Diary
- Successful FLAG Conference and Spoken Language Competitions
- Record participation in our Ga Statewide World Language Job Fair.
- Successful 2nd Annual World Language Leadership Institute.
- Student Language Conventions and teacher workshops (German, French, Spanish, Latin, Chinese, Korean, etc.)

- 5 Schools received DLI Mini Grants to support Instruction and programs [in partnership with GFPE](#).
- Renewing of Southern Atlantic Language Collaborative MOU between Ga, SC, NC and Virginia.
- 12 new World Language Educators of the Month
- K-12 World Languages Support Award
- Recognition for Language Association TOTY's
- Updated Guidance at a Glance Documents
- Updated Webinars on the [International Skills Diploma Seal](#) and [Georgia Seal of Biliteracy](#) Programs.
- Numerous Professional Development trainings in several districts and in cooperation with several RESA agencies across Ga.
- NW Georgia World Language Expo at Berry College
- Pickens County World Language Fall Forum
- 2018 World Language Collaborative UnConference in Savannah
- Numerous and ongoing cultural and teacher workshop activities with area Consular partners.
- Growing IB programs in Ga.
- Language Focus Weeks throughout the year
- Growing social media presence (Nearly 40% of website visitors to C&I visit WL pages)
- [Interview with GPB](#) on Language programs across the state.
- Establishment of K-20 Articulation Team as part of GaDOE WL University/College Advisory Board. (New Guidance on WL Higher Ed opportunities.
- A Bilingual Opera performance from the Atlanta Opera visited several area schools.
- 2 area French Immersion programs recognized for excellence by the French Govt.
- Many Successful Exchange programs across the state for both teachers and students from around the world.
- [DLI Dashboard](#) creation to assist stakeholders

As expansive as the above list is, it still does not include many opportunities provided around the state through local partners and related organizations! Georgia was on the move!

Upcoming Events

GADII 2019

Come join us for the 6th Annual **Georgia Dual Language Immersion Institute** (GADII) on Saturday, August 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are proud to partner with Clayton County Schools to offer a full day of Dual Language Immersion sessions and training for language teachers, English partner teachers and school level and district level administrators.

[Register free via this link!](#)

[Submit Proposals via this link!](#) (Deadline July 1st)

June 1	Deadline to apply for ACTFL STARTALK Multi-State Pathways to Teaching Institute for Teachers from Ga, NC and Virginia. Apply here!
June 16th– July 17	GHP Program at Berry College
July 1st	Deadline for proposals for GADII via this link.
July 9th– 10	Strengthen your Core: ACTFL in ACTION – CULTR Workshop with Mrs. White
July 11 – 12	Teacher Workshop at CULTR -Got Gen Z on your mind? Using technology to create student centered classrooms.
July 15	Online Metro WL Meeting
July 24-27	AP Workshops at Sprayberry HS Find out more and register here.
July 24th– 31	STARTALK Multi-State Pathways to Teaching Institute
Aug 1	Application Deadline to take part in PLONS
Aug 16	Metro WL Meeting
Aug 24	Ga's Dual Language Immersion Institute (GADII) Register free via this link! Call for proposals: Deadline for Proposals in Monday, July 1 st Please submit your proposal via this link!
Aug 30	Deadline for 1st round of school applications to ISDS Program

World Language News

Coming Soon! New WL GaLearns Course

GaDOE World Languages is excited to partner with Mrs. Meredith White, world language leadership, Ga WL teachers and GaLearns on the development of a new online PD course for Ga WL Teachers available this fall! The course will focus on core high leverage teaching practices in the WL classroom!

Georgia Seal of Biliteracy Reporting

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 Ga.

Mark your Calendars!

- Sept 7th FLAIR Fall Conference Augusta
- Sept 21st AATSP Conference at John's Creek HS.
- Sept 28th Chinese Teacher Workshop Ga State U.
- October 6th Japanese Teacher Workshop
- October 10th World Languages Day at CULTR
- October 19th English Partner Teacher Workshop
- November 9th AATF-Ga Meeting in Augusta
- November 22-24th ACTFL in Washington D.C.
- March 6-7th FLAG Conference in Atlanta
- March 26-28th SCOLT Conference in Mobile, AL.
- April 16-17th World Language Leadership Institute
- April 23-25th Atlanta Global Studies Symposium
- April 25th International Skills Diploma Seal Ceremony.

New Report highlights growing need for world language skills in the workforce!

Language skills are necessary to produce the globally-competent employees U.S. businesses are seeking," said Howie Berman, ACTFL's Executive Director.

[Read the Full Report via this link!](#)

[Read the Executive Summary via this Link!](#)

2nd Year of DLI Grants a success!

In partnership with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education, GaDOE World Languages was delighted to award 5 Georgia DLI programs mini-grants to provide needed support for students and teachers. The following schools were awarded grants under this program: Windsor Forest ES and Haven ES in Savannah, Brandywine ES in Forsyth, Unidos Dual Language School in Clayton and Brookwood ES in Dalton.



Useful Links

- [GaDOE World Language Calendar](#)
- [Current Job Openings around the State](#)
- [Guidance at a Glance: Opportunities for Language Learning Beyond High School.](#)
- [Nominate a colleague for the World Language Educator of the Month](#)
- [May Curriculum and Instruction Update](#) (WL Updates on page 5)
- [Making Languages our Business](#) (ACTFL Report)
- [Georgia Tourism Industry breaks economic Record](#)
- [Atlanta Global Studies Symposium offers vision of Atlanta as Global Education Hub.](#)
- [Pathways to Teacher Certification in Ga Guidance](#) (Created in cooperation with the [GaPSC](#))
- Consider contributing a [THRIVE Video with CULTR](#)
- [Proficiency Journey Trail Poster](#) (Cobb)
- [More Links in the news](#)

Final Thoughts

The Georgia Department of Education is dedicated to expanding opportunities for all students in the state. We know that Georgia is a key player in the global economy, and that our state benefits from a diverse population of residents who speak the majority of languages heard on the planet. As the world becomes more interconnected, world language fluency and intercultural competency are more important than ever. A wide body of research shows that the study of languages boosts students' mental flexibility, enhancing their ability to learn all subjects. It also equips students with a broader perspective that nourishes innovation and adaptability in all fields, and impacts Georgia's global reach and connections.

As we reflect back on another successful year full of many new partnerships and opportunities, we celebrate the achievements of thousands of students across our state who participated in or benefited from our combined efforts. We celebrate their accomplishments and those of our teachers and leaders across the state at all levels.

The year ahead promises to also be full of opportunities and there is always much work yet to do, but I want to encourage all of you to take a few moments to enjoy a well-deserved quiet moment of reflection this summer. As always, thank you for all you do and the dedication to students, parents and communities across our state.

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