World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives

Preparation Georgia’s Global Workforce!

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Continuing Story of Success!

Georgia Seal of Biliteracy breaks records!
In 2018-19, 2,265 students across Georgia earned the Seal of Biliteracy for having achieved a high level of proficiency in a second language. Since its inception in 2016, participation in the program has increased every year. This year, a record 41 districts participated with seals awarded in 13 different languages!

GADII Largest DLI Conference in SE USA
This year 6th Annual Georgia Dual Language Immersion Institute (GADII) was the largest ever and the largest conference in the southeastern USA! More than 300 DLI teachers, administrators and supporters gathered in Clayton County. The full-day program featured over 30 sessions, 14 vendors and attendees from all over the region.

International Skills Diploma Seal Expands
For the fourth year in a row, participation in the innovative Georgia International Skills Diploma Seal grows. Now more than 100 high schools have joined the program. The attainment of the seal is a signal to employers and higher education institutions that a student is prepared to participate in the global economy.

2019 Jubilee International Symposium
GaDOE World Languages is excited to partner with Habitat for Humanity, the Stepanek Foundation and Furlow Charter School to bring you the 2019 Jubilee International Symposium in Americus this October! Find out more and register free here. Read a recent article about the event via this link.

Don’t receive these updates but want to?
Send us a request at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us

Language Industry and Education Summit
For the first time in the history of Georgia, leadership from the business interpreting and translating community will gather together with world language leadership to learn from each other and discuss areas of future collaboration.

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.
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)

French Immersion Workshop Scheduled
GaDOE World Languages has partnered with the French Cultural Service in Atlanta to organize a workshop dedicated to French DLI programs on Saturday, October 5 at Evansdale Elementary School. Follow this link for more details and to register!

Japanese Teacher Workshop Scheduled
The Georgia Department of Education in partnership with the Japanese Consulate of Atlanta, Association of Teachers of Japanese, Japanese American Society of Georgia and the International Charter Academy of Georgia is proud to present the 1st Annual Georgia Japanese Language and Cultural Teacher Workshop.
Register via this link. See the flyer here!

AATSP Conference Sept 21st
Registration open until the 15th. Click here for more information.
Building Momentum

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. Deadline for submissions is October 1. Follow this link for details. You can find out more on our professional development page.

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 via this link today!

GAcGEAR moving forward
The Greater Atlanta Coalition for Global Education and Research has organized a Global Expertise and Language Competence” taskforce and strategy event for early November. GAcGEAR strives to create enhanced collaboration and understanding of mutual priorities and needs between higher education, K-12, and the private and public sector and the development of actionable plans to leverage existing strengths for the benefit of all.

World Language Educator of the Month for August!
Congratulations to Angela Williams, Spanish teacher at Garrison School for the Arts, for being named the state World Language Educator of the month for August 2019! #TheWayForward

Expanding Partnerships

Greenopoly Competition gets underway!
We are excited to partner with the German Consulate of Atlanta to offer Greenopoly to participating teams from Cobb, DeKalb and Forsyth counties. The goal is for student teams to design a sustainability-themed board game. Winning teams will receive great prizes for their schools: $3,000 for first place, $2,000 for second place and $1,000 for third place. In addition, an awards ceremony has been planned for the evening of November 14 at the Goethe Zentrum in Atlanta.

Schoolfest coming to Atlanta
GaDOE World Languages is pleased to partner with the German Consulate in Atlanta and the Goethe Institute in Washington to coordinate activities around the arrival of a #WunderbarTogether (Wonderful Together) Pop-Up Tour and a “Schoolfest” in Atlanta which will take place Friday, Sept 27. This event highlights the importance of STEM and STEAM combined with global technical, language and cultural connections to propel thinking and innovation through global collaboration to solve real world issues.

Ga Conference on the Teaching of Chinese
GaDOE World Languages is pleased to partner with the Georgia Chinese Language Educators Association and the Confucius Institute at Georgia State University to host a joint Chinese language teaching seminar on September 28, 2019. Click here to see a flyer for the program with information on registration. Click here to see a draft agenda for the event. Chinese teachers from around the Southeast are invited to join us.

Save the Date!
The nation’s only statewide World Language/Bilingual Job Fair will be held in Atlanta on Saturday, Feb. 8! More info to come soon! Last year, we experienced record turnout with more than 23 schools and systems participating looking for language talent.
You make the difference!

In August, 1,717,000+ students entered our public schools: 46% of them in elementary; 24% in middle; and 30% in high schools. They entered the doors of 2303 schools in 212 school systems and over 118,120 teachers greeted students as they entered their new classrooms. Our work is important and critical to their success and I want to thank you all for the work you do in supporting them and their families. Together we are and will continue to make a difference in their lives and in the future success of our communities across the state.

Useful Links

Want to receive this update via email? Please reach out us as pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us

- 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!
See our updated calendar here.

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