

# Department of World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives



## What do our students need to succeed in the workforce?

- Knowledge of and **experience** with the world's peoples and places
- Cross-cultural competence in understanding **diverse practices and perspectives**
- Specialized and **advanced language proficiency**

### Georgia's Seal of Biliteracy

- HB 879 was signed into law on **May 3, 2016**
- Georgia was the **19<sup>th</sup> state** to pass legislation supporting the Seal
- Certifies **advanced literacy** in another language
- Testing available in **over 100 languages**
- 2020-2021 school year: **2,579 seals** in 72 districts in 23 languages
- Currently **46 states** support the Seal



### Georgia's International Skills Diploma Seal (ISDS)

- Established in **May 2015**
- **High school students** with an **international education** curriculum
  - Requires **community service** and a capstone presentation
    - Over **110 participating high schools**
  - ISDS STAR students recognized in annual ceremony
- **Over 5,000 seals** since 2015 have been awarded to Georgia students



### Georgia's Dual Language Immersion Initiative

- 70 programs
- 6 languages:
  - Chinese
  - French
  - German
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Spanish



### Video DLI Diary of 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students.

For more information on these programs, please email us at [pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us)