New Professional Learning Communities
We are proud to announce the creation this year of several new professional learning communities for Georgia WL/DLI educators. The creation of these PLCs represents the opening round of increasing support for our Ga WL/DLI educator community. They will be led by our very own Georgia WL/DLI teacher-leaders and they will be free and open for all Ga educators and administrators at all levels to attend.

Each of the below Professional Learning Communities will also have an online community on our GaDOE World Language Community Pages. I want to encourage you to join as many of those communities as you wish. Here you will find a guide to help you in that process.

Currently Planned PLC Communities for this Fall

- Ga Rural WL Teacher PLC (STaRLT)
- General Dual Language Immersion K-5 PLC
- Spanish Dual Language Immersion K-2 PLC
- Spanish Dual Language Immersion 3-5 PLC
- General H.S. World Language PLC Facilitators
- Spanish H.S. World Language PLC
- French H.S. World Language PLC Facilitators
- Japanese K-12 Teacher PLC
- Chinese K-12 – Teacher PLC
- German K-12 Teacher PLC
- Middle School World Language PLC
- H.S. Diploma Seal PLC Facilitator (ISDS / Biliteracy
- Administrator Training PLC

PLC Announcements (More to Come)

Middle School World Language PLC
Announcing the creation of a GA DOE Professional Learning Community for Middle School World Language Teachers! Mrs. Kristen Perez will be leading this PLC for Middle School World Language Teachers. Please follow this link to a survey to determine the best times for this year’s meetings.

High School World Language PLC
We are excited about our new Professional Learning Community for High School World Language educators led by Georgia’s own Meredith White (2020 FLAG TOTY) Register via this link ahead of time to attend the opening PLC on Tuesday, Nov 9th.

Japanese World Language PLC
Georgia is excited to offer the 1st ever Professional Learning Community for Georgia’s teachers of Japanese! Please see the announcement below for details. A survey to collect teacher suggestions regarding this PLC is open until the 20th of this month via this link: https://tinyurl.com/GaJTSurvey. The first meeting is planned for Saturday, November 6th, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

K-5 Dual Language Immersion PLC
Outstanding K-5 DLI Teacher Mrs. Kyzer will be leading the K-5 DLI PLC this year. This community is open to all DLI teachers, no matter the language, and sessions will be conducted in English. You can attend as many sessions as you would like or are able to. In order to plan these sessions your input is needed, interested teachers should complete this form: https://forms.gle/uKgzyHi7S7NZMeGD8

International Skills and Seal of Biliteracy PLC
Georgia teachers, do you want to learn more about the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy and International Skills Diploma Seal Programs? We have a new Professional Learning Community to help you! Mark your calendars, the first meeting is Oct 18th at 5pm! Take a moment and complete a brief survey to let us know what you want to learn. https://tinyurl.com/WLSeals
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STaRLT World Language PLC
The STaRLT Professional Learning Community is there to build a community of world language teachers working in Georgia’s small districts. Find out more and join the community today and get connected. https://starltgeorgia.weebly.com/

German World Language PLC
We are excited to offer Georgia German teachers a professional learning community led by one of Georgia’s outstanding German teachers! Interested in attending? Participate in this survey to help us plan! https://tinyurl.com/GaGerman

Administrator World Language PLC
One new PLC this year is designed specifically for Ga Administrators to assist Principals, APs, Lead Instructors, Curriculum Supervisors and others as they work with their world language/DLI educators! To help us plan these session, please complete this survey. https://tinyurl.com/surveyGaWLa

French World Language PLC
We are excited to offer Georgia French teachers a professional learning community led by one of Georgia’s outstanding French teachers! Interested in attending? Participate in this survey to help us plan!

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

Upcoming Conferences

The Annual Foreign Language Association of Georgia (FLAG) Conference will be held March 4 and 5 at the Augusta Marriott. For more information visit their website here.

The world language events calendar has been updated and you can see the latest version here.

Other Announcements

Camden County receives 3 Million!
Camden County Schools (CCS) has been awarded a $3 million competitive World Language Department of Defense grant called PASSPORT (Proficiency in ASL and Spanish for Students through Partnerships, Offerings, Recruitment strategies, and Technology). Read more via this link.

Forsyth County German Students win global competition!
Forsyth County students become first American winners in international German economic competition!

Report on US Growth of DLI Programs
A great snapshot of DLI Programs in the USA provided by the American Councils for International Education. Read the full report via this link.

FLAG Awards Nominations
It is FLAG Awards Time! FLAG members are doing great work that deserves to be recognized. Consider a nomination today! For more info visit <http://www.flaggeorgia.net/awards.html> where you will find dates and deadlines, descriptions, forms, etc.

Scholarships for HS Students
The US Department of State is offering several study abroad scholarships for students. For more information and outreach materials, please follow this link for more information.

3rd Annual Jubilee Symposium Resources
Did you miss the 3rd Annual Jubilee International Symposium earlier this month? Visit the website to access recordings from all the sessions. https://wakelet.com/wake/lARhYiTcIb6UZUJubXZq

WL Poetry Recitation Competition
East Coweta High School is hosting a World Languages Poetry Recitation Competition on Saturday, November 13th beginning at 9am. For more information, check out their website here!
Resources & Links

- GCPS and Parsons Elementary School would like to thank the Korean-American Committee Against Asian Hate for their generous donation of bilingual books to their Korean DLI students and classrooms. More via this link.

- Congratulations to Brookwood High School's German teacher Mirela Golacevic Kimbrough on receiving the AATG 2021 German Embassy Teacher of Excellence Award.

- The World Languages Collaborative Podcast shares innovative ideas, strategies, and best practices from experts in the field of language education. This podcast is an extension of the World Languages Collaborative, an annual event sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education, the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, and the Department of World Languages and Cultures at Georgia Southern University. Listen to the Podcasts via this link!

More Useful Links

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

- GaDOE World Language Calendar
- Consider contributing a THRIVE Video with CULTR
- Register for this year's FLAG Conference
- Register for this year's SCOLT Conference
- Georgia Seal of Biliteracy
- Georgia International Skills Diploma Seal
- Georgia's Dual Language Immersion Initiative
- World Language Professional Development Page
- Georgia International Resources Page
- DLI Dashboard.

Looking Ahead

Mark your Calendars!
See our updated calendar here.

| Oct 21st | STaRLT Georgia Meeting: Meet Link to join at 4pm ET |
| Oct 22nd | The application deadline for Teachers of Critical Languages |
| Oct 18-22nd | CULTR = World Languages Week! Find out more and register to receive updates via this |
| Oct 26th | The first meeting of the Georgia World Language Administrators Professional Learning Community - Our first meeting will be October 26th at 4pm at |
| Nov 4th | STaRLT Georgia Meeting: Meet Link to join at 4pm ET |
| Nov 6th | 1st Meeting of the Japanese Language Educators Professional Learning Community - November 6th from 10:30-11:30 a.m |

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