



Georgia Department of Education

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# Curriculum & Instruction Updates

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### State Board of Education Updates

On May 5, 2016, the State Board of Education approved updates to the list of State-funded subjects and courses in compliance with State Board of Education Rule [160-4-2-.20 LIST OF STATE-FUNDED K-8 SUBJECTS AND 9-12 COURSES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING NINTH GRADE IN 2008 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS](#). The list was updated to phase-out outdated CTAE courses, to clarify a section of coding for CTAE labs, to clarify that the gifted section numbers (70.) are for gifted program students only, and to remove the generic dual enrollment numbers that were listed at the end of each content area prior to the new GaTRACS course numbering system now being used for MOWR course matches.

- [Summary of Changes](#)
- [LIST OF STATE-FUNDED K-8 SUBJECTS AND 9-12 COURSES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING NINTH GRADE IN 2008 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS](#)

### Social Studies Georgia Standards of Excellence

The State Board of Education (SBOE) postponed the adoption of the Social Studies Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) at the March 31, 2016, State Board meeting. Social Studies committee members reconvened and made recommendations to the Social Studies GSE on April 20, 2016. On May 5, 2016, the SBOE approved the [re-posting of draft Social Studies GSE and for 30 days of public review and comment](#). If approved, the projected date for implementation is school year 2017-2018.

- [Take Survey](#)

### Remedial Education Program (REP)

On May 5, 2016, the State Board of Education adopted the amendments to the Remedial Education Program (REP)

The amended Rule and REP Guidance Document will be updated and posted in approximately 20 days at the [Remedial Education Program webpage](#). If you have any questions, please contact Randall N. Lee at [rlee@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:rlee@doe.k12.ga.us).

## LIBRARY/MEDIA

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### myON Offers Free Access to More than 10,000 Digital Books

Get Georgia Reading partner myON is delivering more than 10,400 free books to computer and mobile devices that you can access 24 hours a day—every day—through Aug. 31, 2016. Last year, kids read over 100,000 books. This year, as you'll see in the story under "Ready, Set, Read" — the Get Georgia Reading Campaign is challenging Georgia to double that number.

- [Instructions](#)
- [More Information](#)

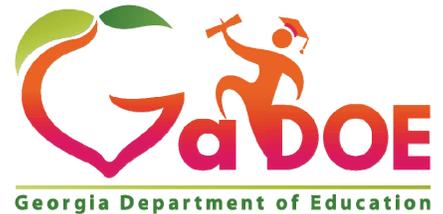


Questions about myON, please contact Saralee Parker at [sparker@myon.com](mailto:sparker@myon.com), or at 678-910-6661.

### Innovation in Teaching Competition - Beyond the Textbook

The Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) has developed the Innovation in Teaching Competition: Beyond the Textbook to create and support highly-effective teachers. A list of the [Innovation in Teaching Competition winners with videos, unit plans, and supplementary materials](#) is available at [GeorgiaStandards.Org](http://GeorgiaStandards.Org).

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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### Professional Learning Opportunity

#### Building a Culture of Writing

This fall, the GaDOE ELA team will launch a six-month literacy series entitled *Collaborative Conversations for Building a Culture of Writing*. This series will be an interactive online series designed to build teachers' pedagogical knowledge while cultivating a culture of writing. Teachers in grade K – 5 and 6 – 12 will work through six sessions in which researchers and classroom teachers, together, will share evidence-based writing practices and show what those practices look like in a real classroom. By connecting practice to theory, this series will answer questions about writing instruction, engage teachers in professional growth, impact instructional practices, and ultimately, cultivate a culture of writing.

The series begins September 2016 and offers 3 tiers of participation for teachers/school/districts to customize professional learning to meet their unique needs.

Please [register here](#) for an **Informational Webinar** for District Coordinators on **Wednesday, May 25, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**



## MATHEMATICS

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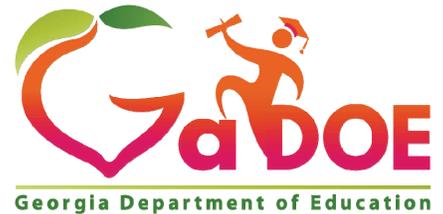
### Mathematics Updates

Georgia's K-12 Mathematics and CTAE Teachers are awesome as indicated by the results of a recent survey conducted by our state CTAE staff and directed to Youth Apprenticeship Program employers. Survey results reveal a significant increase from last year's results in the percentage of students enrolled in the statewide program who use math at the level employers expect – from 82.4% last year to 89%. Thank you to our Georgia K-12 Mathematics and CTAE Teachers for making a difference in "Educating Georgia's Future".

The College Readiness Mathematics Professional Learning Summer Institute slated for June 8-10 has reached capacity as evidenced by current registration numbers. The institute program will be delivered concurrently at Twin Oaks Elementary School in Leesburg and Flowery Branch High School in Flowery Branch. We sincerely appreciate Principal Katie Peppers and Principal Jason Carter for opening their schools for our use. The institute program is possible through a partnership with Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

If your district plans to implement the course in 2016-2017 and you have not submitted representatives, please send your participants' names and email addresses to Sandi Woodall at [swoodall@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:swoodall@doe.k12.ga.us) immediately and we will make room for additional participants. For districts delaying implementation until 2017-2018, the institute will be replicated in summer 2017.

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## SCHOOL COUNSELING

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### Move on When Ready (MOWR) End of Year Information

**Reminder:** Student MOWR Participation Forms must be completed for each term including the summer of 2016 before a student can participate in the program.

Look for the new MOWR Guidelines on [GaCollege411.org](http://GaCollege411.org) this month through Georgia Student Finance Commission.

School systems do not earn FTE for MOWR summer school. MOWR grades must be put on the student's transcript. MOWR withdrawals should be treated as an "F" for the high school grade if the student does not come back to the high school at the time of the withdrawal and complete the high school course. Questions? Contact Gary Mealer, [gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us).

### JROTC Alert

A date has been set for next year's 2016-17 State JROTC Cross Service Drill Meet at Georgia Military College. Mark your calendars for September 17. Sign-up information will be available at GACTE and sent out to instructors. Questions? Contact Gary Mealer, [gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us).

### Study Trip to Germany: Call for Participation

Administrators, thought leaders, can experience a 10-day, one-of-a-kind educational excursion to Germany!

- Gain insights into German educational systems through visits to schools and educational institutions
- Meet other educators, administrators and policy makers
- Learn about vocational education and studying in Germany

#### What is the aim?

With this trip we want to foster administrative support for German language education in the United States and promote networking between American and German educational partners, and thereby increase American students' opportunities to learn German language and culture.

#### Who should apply?

Administrative and thought leaders of primary or secondary school districts and educational authorities. Your school(s) may have or you may be interested in adding a German language program in your school or district.

#### When will the trip take place and where will it go?

The trip will take place between September 11th and September 21st 2016. Participants will travel to Berlin, the capital of Germany, and to the Federal State of Thuringia.

#### How much does it cost?

The Central Agency for Schools Abroad (ZfA) covers:

- The flight from New York to Berlin
- Lodging in Germany
- Transportation inside Germany
- Food in Germany

Participants are responsible for their transport to New York. A contribution towards expenses for food and social program will be charged. Depending on actual prices, this contribution will be between \$300 to \$500 per person.

#### How to apply?

If you are interested, please complete the [application form](#) and mail it back to [chicago@auslandsschulwesen.de](mailto:chicago@auslandsschulwesen.de) by May 20, 2016.

- [More Information \(Flyer\)](#)
- [Application Form](#)

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## MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP (MSP)

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### Request for Proposals (RFP) for Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Program Grants (Title II B)

The Georgia MSP Program seeks to improve the content knowledge and ability to analyze student thinking of cohort groups of mathematics and/or science teachers of grades K-5, 6-8, and/or 9-12 in order to increase the achievement of their students. These improvement efforts are designed, implemented, and evaluated by strong partnerships between college and university faculty, high-need school systems, RESAs, and other qualifying partners.

Any Georgia high-need school system or consortium may submit a proposal for funding in partnership with an institution of higher education. In order to qualify as high-need, a school system must demonstrate that at least 40% of its students qualify for the free and reduced meal plan according to the most recent data collected by the GaDOE. Projects must include teachers from Priority (Comprehensive), Focus (Targeted), or other Title I schools..

Georgia MSP Program funding may be used to support the following endeavors:

- To provide mathematics and/or science teachers, including special education teachers, in grades K-12 with intensive and follow-up content training aligned to the State Standards in mathematics and/or science;
- To advance the disciplinary content depth, pedagogical content acumen, and cognitive disciplinary instructional skills of grades K-12 teachers of mathematics and/or science;
- To provide advanced college-level coursework to K-12 teachers of mathematics and/or science; and
- To include building-level administrators meaningfully in content training sessions.

Questions? Contact: Amanda Buice, [abuice@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:abuice@doe.k12.ga.us).

## HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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### Health Education GPS Precision Review

The Georgia Performance Standards for Health Education grades K - 12 will complete the Standards Precision Review Process in the 2016-2017 school year. A public survey for teachers and administrators will be available for input from May 9 to June 7, 2016.

- [Take survey](#)

Please encourage all health education teachers to complete surveys to provide the working committee with input for revisions. We want every teacher in GA to have input into the standards they teach. A survey for public stakeholder input will follow in August with revisions in the fall and an expected finish date in the spring of 2017. Physical Education GPS will be reviewed immediately after during the 2017-2018 school year.

### Health and Physical Education Summer Institute

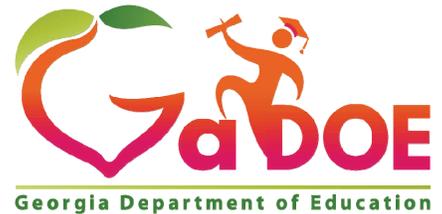
The Georgia Association for Health Education, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (GAHPERD) is hosting a Summer Institute. The Robert W. Moore Summer Institute, an annual professional development event, will be held at Creekland Middle School in Gwinnett County this June 14 & 15, 2016. Lunch is included. The pre-registration deadline is May 31, 2016.

- [Registration information](#)
- [More Information](#)

### Health Education Course Numbers

Health education courses should be scheduled with the correct course number. Assigning correct numbers ensures that accurate data are gathered by the Department. Such data identify the number and program designations of students involved in all state-funded courses. Health education and physical education are separate courses with distinct course numbers and should be reported properly at all grade levels (K-12).

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## COLLEGE READINESS

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### AP Webinars for Lit and Lang - Upcoming Webinars

**June 21 and June 28, 2016:** Feedback from the 2016 exam reading in AP English Language and Composition from four Georgia teachers who served as readers.

**June 22:** Feedback from the 2016 exam reading in AP English Literature and Composition from four Georgia teachers who served as readers. Questions? Contact Bonnie at [bmarshall@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:bmarshall@doe.k12.ga.us).

### October 2016 PSAT for Sophomores

The recently signed FY17 state budget contains funding to provide the PSAT/NMSQT exam in the fall of 2016 for all sophomores enrolled in Georgia public high schools. The PSAT coordinator at your high school(s) should receive an email notice in May of the timeline for placing the school's initial 2016 order in the online application. The deadline is generally mid-June. Two dates are available for schools to select as a testing 2016 date: October 19 or November 2. These two date options should accommodate systems in Georgia that have a weeklong fall break.

### 2016 AP Exam Invoices

A reminder that a copy of each high school's AP exam invoice must be sent to Becky Chambers at GaDOE no later than June 10 to ensure state payment of one exam for each low income student. Invoices should be scanned and sent to Becky at [rchambers@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:rchambers@doe.k12.ga.us) via attachment in an email.

## GEORGIA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

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### GAVS Teachers Represent Excellence Throughout Georgia

Dr. Laura T. Harris, GAVS teacher and Mill Creek High School teacher of Advanced Placement U.S. History has been awarded the 2016 Georgia Outstanding Teacher of American History by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). Dr. Harris received recognition of this award at the February meeting of the NSDAR William Day Chapter of Duluth. She will now move on as Georgia's representative for consideration by NSDAR for National Outstanding Teacher of American History.



"How come Lewis and Clark didn't just use MapQuest?"

### Technology Services

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### Contract Content Experts Needed Learning

In order to keep SLDS teacher resource link updated with the best and most current resources, certified Georgia teachers are needed to assist in editing current content, evaluating current and potential resources, as well as aligning new resources to standards for distribution through the teacher resource link. You must have a current Georgia teaching certificate to be considered. Pay is \$20.00 per hour. This contract work is not a full time position and does not provide benefits. Interested parties should [submit name and other details here](#).

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**Coming Soon!**

## **STEAM Certification for Schools/Programs**

STEAM is the integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics infused with meaningful arts integration. STEAM utilizes the arts as a vehicle for demonstrating what has been learned, while increasing creativity and teaching “habits of mind” that can be applied to any subject.

Beginning in the Fall 2016, schools and programs will have the opportunity to apply to become a Georgia Certified STEAM School/Program! This unique opportunity builds on the very successful STEM certification system. Look for more information coming over the summer!

## **Marine Extension Service (MAREX) Teacher Quality Summer Grant**

Are you looking for continuing education in new marine science developments to enrich classroom activities? The University of Georgia Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant has funding from Teacher Quality for a two week teacher/graduate student course(s) named the GA Shore Program for June 5-19, 2016. This is a true coastal adventure that includes spending two nights on Ossabaw Island searching for nesting Loggerhead turtles. The rest of the two week course focuses on research based on coastal issues that allows teachers to have a team or individual project of their own. Participants write a proposal, conduct the research, and write a journal article.

- [More Information](#)

Please see the contact information for Dr. Mare Timmons.

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## **International Skills Diploma Seals**

Sixty-three schools in Georgia have already taken the challenge of offering International Skills Diploma Seals and this inaugural year, over 530 students earned this distinguishing seal as they graduate from our public schools as part of the Class of 2016. What a great start!

Please take some time to learn more about the International Skills Diploma Seals program here and consider adding it to the many wonderful opportunities we offer Georgia’s children as they emerge as global leaders.

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