



Georgia Department of Education

# Curriculum & Instruction Updates

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## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

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### Innovative Assessment Pilot Program

After Putnam County was approved to conduct an [Innovative Assessment Pilot](#) in August, two more pilots were approved at the September Board meeting. The State Board of Education approved participation of Cobb County School System in the Innovative Assessment Pilot Program and the Georgia MAP Assessment Partnership in the Innovative Assessment Pilot Program during the 2018-19 school year. You can read the [Board Resolution](#) in support of this program.

The State Board of Education adopted amendments that substantively alter policy focused on student discipline and attendance outcomes to include a focus on school climate, tiered supports for behavior and academics, and response to intervention:

1. The State Board of Education adopted the amendment to [State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.10 Student Attendance](#).
2. The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act so as to amend [State Board of Education Rule 160-4-8-.15 Student Discipline](#).

### Need Art?

stART grants offer one-time funds to provide arts programs in schools. [Click here for application materials](#). Questions? Contact [stARTgrant@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:stARTgrant@doe.k12.ga.us)

### Justin Hill Named Director for Curriculum and Instruction at GaDOE

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Justin Hill, Ed.S., accepted the position of Director for Curriculum and Instruction at the Georgia Department of Education. You may know Mr. Hill from his successful work as the Program Manager for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). He also comes from a teaching background with experience as a high school social studies teacher and an assistant principal. Justin is also a veteran of the U.S. Navy and current Reservist.



### Military Flagship School Award

GaDOE is debuting a new **Military Flagship School Award** which will recognize schools that go above and beyond to provide a supportive environment for military students and families. Selected schools will be those that provide specific outreach to military families and recognize and accommodate their unique needs.

To apply, please submit the application by Friday, October 19 to Meghan Frick at [mfrick@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mfrick@doe.k12.ga.us). We plan to select and notify schools by November 2018.

- [Download Application](#)



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## STEM/STEAM

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### Fifth Annual STEM/STEAM Forum



#### The fifth annual STEM/STEAM Forum: Making Connections, Innovating and Sharing STEM/STEAM Pedagogy

Join us in Athens to hear firsthand from schools that are beating the odds with implementing STEM/STEAM pedagogy. The GA STEM/STEAM Forum is a platform for STEM/STEAM educators and administrators from all around the state to share their best practices. Georgia is on the move and we want you to join us!

October 22 to 23, 2018 at The Classic Center located at 300 N. Thomas Street, Athens, GA, 30601.

- [STEM/STEAM Brief](#)
- [Register Online](#)
- [STEM/ STEAM 2018 Hotel Information](#)

Districts needing bulk registration please contact:

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## Professional Learning

### Teaching Foundational Reading Skills Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

Registration is open for the Fall 2018 Teaching Foundational Reading Skills MOOC-Ed from the Friday Institute at NC State University. This free course starts October 1. This MOOC-Ed is organized around the recommendations of the *Foundational Skills to Support Reading for Understanding in Kindergarten Through 3rd Grade Practice Guide*, published in July 2016 by the U.S. Department of Education.

- [More Information](#)
- [Share Promotional Flyer](#)

### 2018 North Georgia Autism Conference

The conference is intended for parents/caregivers, educators, professionals, young adults on the autism spectrum, self-advocates, and other interested individuals.

October 19; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dalton Convention Center

2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd, Dalton, GA 30720

- [More Information and Registration](#)

### 2019 Impacting Student Learning (ISL) Conference Accepting Presentation Proposals

Conference Date: March 2, 2019

Deadline for proposals: Nov. 4, 2018

Presenters will be notified no later than Dec. 4, 2018.

Effective educators have many successful practices to share. We invite you to share with other P-12 teachers, teacher candidates, and university professors by participating in our 20th Annual Impacting Student Learning (ISL) Conference. The keynote speaker will be Allison Townsend, 2019 Georgia Teacher of the Year.

- [Conference Website](#)

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## WORLD LANGUAGES & GLOBAL WORKFORCE INITIATIVES

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### New Atlanta Global Studies Center

The Atlanta Global Studies Center (AGSC), a National Resource Center and a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program, has been launched! The Georgia Department of Education is a pleased partner, along with the Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University, to receive a grant of \$2.25 million to establish the Center.

“The Atlanta Global Studies Center will provide opportunities for economic and civic partnerships across the greater Atlanta region by leveraging the city’s status as a leading international corporate center and thriving multinational investment hub,” said G.P. ‘Bud’ Peterson, president of Georgia Institute of Technology. “The state of Georgia’s efforts in bilingual and dual-immersion education demonstrate the ever-growing need for a global workforce. We are honored to work with Georgia State on yet another collaboration.”

- [Read More](#)

### Pickens County World Language Fall Forum

Join us for the World Language Fall Forum on Oct 27 in Pickens County! Proposals are still being accepted. Gather together with educators from surrounding districts and states to share best practices and learn from each other in the beautiful north Georgia mountains! Come for the professional development and the beautiful fall foliage of late October!

- [Registration](#)
- [Proposals](#)

## World Language Educators of the Month



We recognize and honor Georgia's world language educators! Congratulations to Ms. Asia Karriem, August World Language Educator, teaches Spanish at Burgess-Peterson Elementary School in Atlanta Public Schools. Congratulations as well to Mrs. Motolenich, September World Language Educator of the Month. Mrs. Motolenich is a Spanish dual language immersion teacher at Russell Elementary School in Cobb County!

- [Video](#)

### 2018 World Language Collaborative unConference

The Georgia Department of Education in collaboration with the Savannah-Chatham School System and Georgia Southern University are pleased to offer the *2018 World Languages Collaborative unConference* in Savannah on October 20! Join us for a World Languages resource exchange and discussions. Swap ideas for technology resources, instructional strategies, assessment ideas and network with other K-16 World Language educators serving students in public, private and charter institutions.

- [Register](#)
- [Program](#)

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## MATHEMATICS

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### Building Foundational Numeracy in Georgia



The GaDOE Mathematics Team has recently released a new resource, the Georgia Numeracy Project, to support students' development of foundational numeracy. The Georgia Numeracy Project is a free, optional numeracy development resource provided by the Georgia Department of Education, which introduces teachers and teacher leaders to the trajectory by which learners acquire a solid foundation in numeracy. The Georgia Numeracy Project is focused on developing students' understanding of numbers and their ability to use numbers to solve problems.

- [Learn More](#)

### Evidence-Based Practices in Mathematics for English Learners

At the 2018 Fall GACIS Conference, the GaDOE Mathematics Team provided evidence-based practices to support English Learners (ELs). We have created [a document emphasizing relevant learning experiences in mathematics](#) that describes strategies and accompanying research to support ELs. Curriculum resources to support these strategies and practices can be found in the curriculum documents located on the [GSO mathematics page](#) and in the TRL within the SLDS.

## GEORGIA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

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### GaVS Options for Transfer Students

Georgia Virtual School has closed fall registration with increased enrollments again. Students are enrolled in more than 11,000 courses which enable those students to take courses not offered at their local schools and work around scheduling conflicts. Georgia Virtual can offer accommodations consistent with students' IEPs and 504 plans. GaVS will accept transfer students through November 20, so it is not too late to help students meet their academic goals this semester.

Spring 2019 registration continues through February, so start planning ahead and register early.

Questions? [Contact GaVS](#)

## SCIENCE

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### Science Resources

New Science GSE Resources are being added to the TRL - Essentials Toolkit. This can be accessed within the SLDS. Recent additions include sample instructional segments for Kindergarten, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, Physical Science, Environmental Science, Chemistry, and Physics.

If you are looking to find real data sets to help your students analyze and interpret data, visit [BioInteractive's Data Points](#) a monthly series that features a graph or figure from a scientific journal article for students to interpret and discuss as a class.

Looking for articles about science for students to read? Visit [ReadWorks.org](#).

### 2019 Atlanta Science Festival

Save the dates! Events begin on March 9 throughout the metro Atlanta area and culminate on March 23 in Piedmont Park, Atlanta. Come join us for the biggest science party in Georgia.

- [More Information](#)

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## TEACHER & LEADER SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT

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### Updates

P-20 Fall Collaborative convenings kick off in September! The Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, and the University System of Georgia have joined together to establish nine regional P-20 Collaboratives: Systems of Support to provide a seamless transition for pre-service candidates as they seek to become professional educators, as well as to provide continued professional learning for practicing educators and leaders. The TLSD team serves as SEA Liaisons for each of the nine P-20s.

- [Registration and Agendas for Fall Convenings](#)
- Questions/comments: [kwylar@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:kwylar@doe.k12.ga.us)

### Equity - State Reporting & FY19 LEA Equity Action Plans

Chris Leonard and Karen Wyler (Induction: GA P-20 Partners Collaborating to Provide Support from the Start), TLSD team members, provided breakout sessions at the Georgia Education Leadership Institute held this month. For additional information and/or resources: [cleonard@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:cleonard@doe.k12.ga.us).

### 2018 TEM and LEM Rosters Coming to GaDOE Portal

The 2018 TEM (Teacher Effectiveness Measure) and LEM (Leader Effectiveness Measure) Rosters are scheduled to be released in the GaDOE Portal by the close of business on October 12, 2018. In an effort to clarify questions and concerns, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document will accompany the rosters. Questions regarding the 2018 TEM and LEM rosters should be forwarded to Keisla Tisdell: [ktisdell@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:ktisdell@doe.k12.ga.us).

## ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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### Assessment Update Newsletter

The Assessment Administration Division has developed an Assessment Update in newsletter format intended to provide timely testing and training information and activities to System Test Coordinators (STCs). Since so many of you wear many “hats” for your districts and state charters, we hope this more comprehensive communication tool will be helpful. Assessment Updates may be found on the For Educators webpage. A new edition will be posted each month accompanied by email notification to System Test Coordinators.

Of note, any changes to the Georgia Assessment and Training Calendar will be made to the online calendar found on the For Educators page as well as announced through this newsletter and other communication, as needed. Please submit questions, concerns, or feedback to your assessment specialist.

## LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES

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### GaDOE K-12 Public School Media Specialist GALSTEER Representative

The Georgia Department of Education has selected Michelle Easley as the new GALILEO steering committee’s K-12 public school media specialist representative. This is a two-year appointed term where she will attend GALSTEER meetings four to five times a year at the McDonough Public Library.

The Georgia Department of Education also wants to thank Beth Miller for serving as the first person in this K-12 public school media specialist representative role from 2016 to 2018. During her term, Beth provided valuable insight and leadership to GALSTEER. Read more information about the GALSTEER committee:

- [Governance](#)
- [Steering Committee Member Directory](#)

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## HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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### End Child Sex Trafficking in Georgia

The Institute on Healthcare and Human Trafficking at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) has just launched professional learning for adults working in schools. It is a self-paced, 55-minute online e-learning module titled, "End Child Sex Trafficking in Georgia: A School-Based Prevention Program." Aligned to Erin's Law (Georgia Senate Bill 401), this training will help school staff prepare for student education on the subject of sexual abuse prevention and better recognize potential victims of abuse, assault and/or sexual exploitation.

- [Access Online Module](#)

Questions? Want to schedule on-site training? Contact CHOA at [CPCTraining@choa.org](mailto:CPCTraining@choa.org).

### Georgia Fitness Assessment Training Manual

A new Georgia Fitness Assessment Training Manual has been developed and is currently posted on the [GaDOE webpage \(health & physical education\)](#). It includes sections on the following: Fitness Assessment Overview, Fitness Assessment Protocols, Data Entry and Reporting, Communication Tools, and Tips for Success/Resources.

### Georgia Standards of Excellence for PE

The new Georgia Standards of Excellence for Physical Education were adopted in the Spring 2018. The new PE GSE can be found on [GeorgiaStandards.Org](http://GeorgiaStandards.Org). If your system would like to schedule a training for your physical educators please contact:

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

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### CS Professional Learning Community



Computer Science education in Georgia is growing tremendously. The number of teachers with a state-recognized CS credential has doubled each of the past two years, and we look for this trend to continue in 2019. These are mostly in-service teachers (business, math, science, etc.) adding on to their current certification. Columbus State has the first four CS Education pre-service students in their education program.

One challenge is that these teachers are often the only CS teacher in their building; occasionally they are alone in their district. It's important for CS teachers to collaborate with one another and draw from each other's experiences. To that end, the GaDOE has created some CS teacher communities utilizing the edweb platform. There is a community for [CS High School teachers](#), [CS Middle School teachers](#), and one for [CS Elementary School teachers](#) which may include the [technology specials teacher](#) or the [media specialist](#). Participating in an edweb community will require you to sign-in. If you know of a teacher interested or teaching CS, please encourage them to join the community!

- [Join the CS Elementary School Edweb Community](#)
- [Join the CS Middle School Edweb Community](#)
- [Join the CS High School Edweb Community](#)

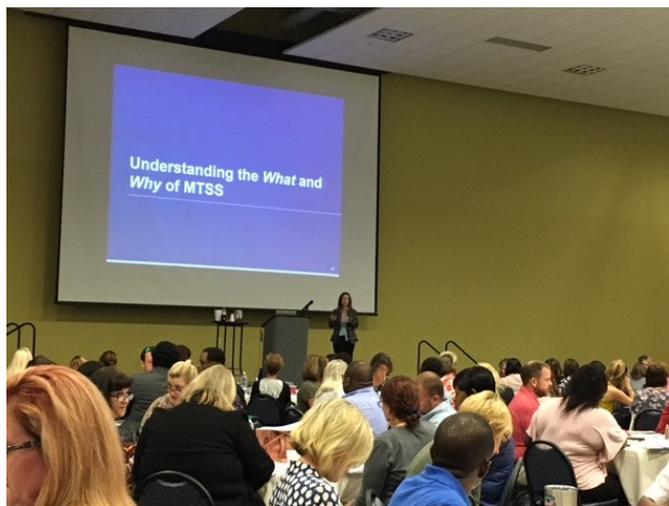
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## GEORGIA'S TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS

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### The GaDOE's MTSS Team Partnership with the Student Support Team Association for Georgia Educators (SSTAGE)



Dr. Tessie Rose Bailey will host two in-service presentations on tiered systems of supports. The event will take place on October 29 and 30 at the Georgia Department of Education, West Tower from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dr. Bailey's presentations will focus on Evidence-Based Practices and High Leverage Practices. Dr. Bailey is Principal Technical Assistance Consultant, American Institutes for Research. She specializes in developing high-quality technical assistance resources and providing technical assistance to states, districts, and institutions of higher education.

For more information about registration or to learn more about SSTAGE and GaDOE's MTSS partnership, contact Project Director, Karen Suddeth at [ksuddeth@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:ksuddeth@doe.k12.ga.us) or [visit our webpage](#).

## GEORGIASTANDARDS.ORG

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### GeorgiaStandards.Org Website

- **Users:**  
8,420,734
- **Sessions:**  
22,315,853
- **Pageviews:**  
101,263,659
- **Pages per Session:**  
4.54
- **Average Session Duration:**  
3 Minutes 47 Seconds

(Source: Google Analytics 9/1/2008 to 10/2/2018)

### GeorgiaStandards.Org YouTube Channel

- **Watch Time:**  
1,091,811 Minutes
- **Views:**  
318,414
- **Average View Duration:**  
3 Minutes 25 Seconds
- **Likes:**  
702
- **Shares:**  
5,820
- **Videos in Playlists:**  
2,846
- **Subscribers:**  
892
- [View Videos on the GSO YouTube Channel](#)

(Source: YouTube Analytics 4/26/2013 to 10/2/2018)

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## SOCIAL STUDIES

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### Save the Date: NEW GaDOE Social Studies/GCSS Conference

Thursday, June 20 – Friday, June 21, 2019

#### *Picturing History: Using Great Children's Literature to Spark Inquiry in Social Studies K-12*

How can you make the most of read alouds? This retreat will connect educators with professional authors and illustrators and share evidence-based practices for maximizing the learning opportunities offered through read alouds. Held at Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa, nestled in the beautiful mountains of North Georgia, we expect this retreat to fill quickly. There is limited space available.

- [Hotel and Registration Information](#)

### Register for Fall Workshops

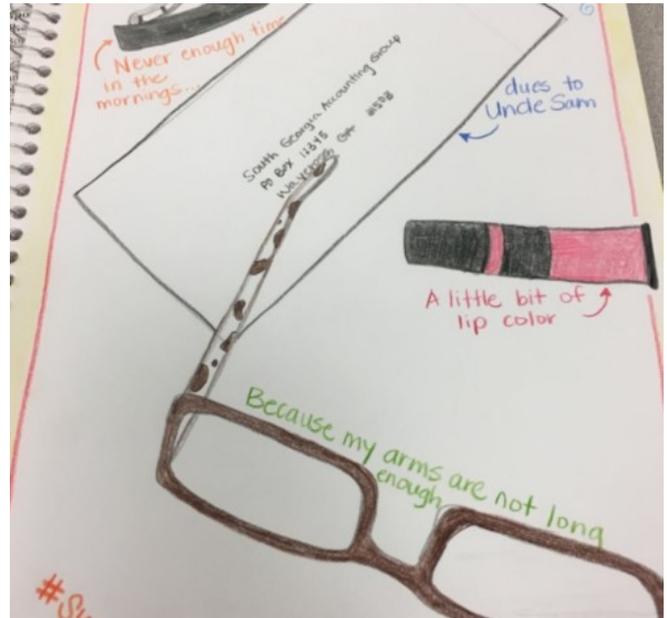
#### **Inquiry: the Antidote for Feeling MEH in Social Studies Classrooms**

In this interactive session, work with Joy Hatcher, GaDOE Social Studies Program Manager, to meet your daily required dose of inquiry and keep students on their mental toes. Ideas and resources for infusing inquiry and banishing apathy in grades 6-12 will be shared; bring your own and take home some new ones.

#### **3rd and 4th Grade History Refresher 101 Workshops**

Join grade-level colleagues in this lively, hands-on crash course on topics in U.S. History. We will model use of engaging inquiry strategies and resources while reinforcing and extending the content knowledge needed to teach the new Social Studies GSE. The workshop is facilitated by GaDOE Social Studies Program Specialist JoAnn Wood.

### Let's Get Visual! Inquiry Based Instructional Activities that SWIRL



Explicitly teaching visual literacy in social studies increases engagement and allows students to make connections between their lives and history. This workshop will teach you how to: build visual literacy with visual journals, enhance your inquiry lessons, and incorporate the art standards with your existing lessons to create personal meaning for students. You do not have to be “good” at art to attend this workshop! The workshop, facilitated by GaDOE Social Studies - Joy Hatcher, JoAnn Wood & GaDOE Fine Arts - Jessica Booth, is appropriate for teachers and school, district and RESA leaders or any combination of those. Activities will be shared and modeled for K-12.

- [Available Dates and Registration Information](#)

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## CTAE

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### Upcoming Events for CTAE Directors, Educators and Students

During the months of October and November each of our program areas will be hosting workshops and conferences to assist CTAE instructors with a successful year. Teachers will be inspired by dynamic keynote speakers, acquire new information to assist them in the classroom or lab, prepare for EOPAs, and continue to network with other CTAE instructors from across the state. If you have any questions about these events, please visit the respective [CTAERN website](#) or [contact your program specialist at the GaDOE](#).

Additionally, student organizations will be hosting a variety of student leadership events during October and November. Throughout the events students connect with others of like interests in Georgia. The [Georgia CTSO website](#) can be utilized for more information on upcoming events and competitions.

### Workshop/Conference

- Dave Weber: Sticks & Stones Exposed  
Macon (Middle GA State Univ); October 10, 2018
- EOPA: Begin With The End In Mind  
Tifton; October 17, 2018
- EOPA: Begin With The End In Mind  
Gainesville; October 22, 2018
- STEM/STEAM Forum  
Athens (Classic Center); October 22-23, 2018
- Dave Weber: Leadership Redefined  
Macon (Middle GA State Univ); November 7, 2018
- TSA – Fall Leadership Rally  
Perry (Georgia National Fair); October 8, 2018
- FFA – Fall Leadership Rally  
Perry (Georgia National Fair); October 9, 2018
- FCCLA – Fall Leadership Rally  
Perry (Georgia National Fair); October 10, 2018
- FBLA – Fall Leadership Rally  
Perry (Georgia National Fair); October 11, 2018
- DECA – Fall Leadership Rally  
Perry (Georgia National Fair); October 12, 2018
- HOSA – Fall Leadership Rally  
Perry (Georgia National Fair); October 12, 2018
- Georgia FIRST Robotics Off-Season Event  
Roswell; October 13, 2018
- Georgia FIRST Robotics Symposium  
Atlanta; October 20, 2018
- FFA – National FFA Convention  
Indianapolis; October 23-27, 2018
- DECA – Fall Leadership Development Conference  
Atlanta; October 18-19, 2018
- SkillsUSA – 2RE Fall Leadership Conference  
Atlanta (Sheraton Atlanta Hotel); October 29-30, 2018
- FBLA – Fall Leadership Conference  
Athens (Classic Center); November 7-8, 2018
- TSA – Fall Leadership Conference  
Jekyll Island; November 9-11, 2018
- CTI – Fall Leadership Conference  
Atlanta (Renaissance Waverly); November 15-16, 2018

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## COLLEGE READINESS & TALENT DEVELOPMENT

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### 2018 Fall AP Workshops

To maintain our state's strong Advanced Placement program, the Georgia Department of Education is offering seven Advanced Placement (AP) Regional Workshops for the fall of 2018. As in the past 12 years, there is no fee for the workshop, but pre-registration is required. The remaining workshop sites and dates are listed below, and the specific courses offered at each workshop site are listed on the online registration form. Each workshop is designed to support teachers who have 0-3 years of AP teaching experience; however, any AP teacher who feels a need for additional support and resources is welcome to register. Each course will be led by at least two highly successful Georgia high school AP teachers. Seats in workshops fill very quickly; register early. Workshops will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3 p.m. Lunch is not provided on-site, but ample time is scheduled to buy lunch off-campus. Registration must be completed through the online registration form.

- [2018 AP Regional Workshop Registration](#)
- Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at Lee County High School, Leesburg, GA  
Multiple Courses\*
- Friday, October 19, 2018, at Lambert High School, Suwanee, GA  
Multiple Courses\*
- Friday, Nov. 2, 2018, at High Museum at Woodruff Arts Center, Atlanta, GA; AP Art History, AP Music Theory, AP European History
- Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at Eagle's Landing High School, McDonough, GA  
Multiple Courses\*

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## ESOL

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### GaDOE ESOL Unit WIDA Workshops

The Scaffolding Learning Through Language

- October 10 - 11 (Moultrie, Georgia)
- October 15 - 16 (Warner Robbins, Georgia)
- October 18 - 19 (Cleveland, Georgia)

Formative Language Assessment

- November 28-28 (Monroe, Georgia)
- December 10-11 (Hamilton, Georgia)
- December 13-14 (Camilla, Georgia)

For registration details, please contact Kim Lacewell at [klacewell@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:klacewell@doe.k12.ga.us) or visit the [GaDOE ESOL Unit webpage](#).

### Upcoming Conferences

- [WIDA Annual Conference](#)  
October 26-26  
Detroit, Michigan
- [International TESOL 2019](#)  
International Convention & English Language Expo  
March 12-15  
Atlanta, Georgia

### ACCESS and WIDA Webinars

GaDOE sponsored ACCESS preparation webinars dates and their associated links are available in the [monthly Assessment Newsletter](#).

### 2018-19 Q&A WIDA Webinar Schedule

The free live Q&A webinar schedule for 2018-19 is now available on the Preparation and Training tab of the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 webpage. These webinars provide opportunities to ask WIDA and DRC questions about the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0 and Online WIDA Screener. Please contact Dr. Ellis ([jellis@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jellis@doe.k12.ga.us)) for more information.