STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

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Standards Approved for Media Arts, Theatre Arts, and Visual Arts

On June 15, 2017, the State Board of Education approved the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for Fine Arts in the areas of Media Arts, Theatre Arts, and Visual Arts for implementation in the 2018-2019 school year. Communication, professional learning, and resource development activities are planned for the 2017-2018 school year.

Announcements

Free Orientation for New Curriculum Directors

Orientation for New Curriculum Directors will be held on **Tuesday, August 8, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in Atlanta at the Georgia Department of Education (West Tower, 10th floor training rooms A-C). There is no registration fee. This orientation is presented in partnership with the Georgia Association of Curriculum and Instructional Supervisors (GACIS). Box lunches will be provided by GACIS. The orientation will include:

- Greetings from Georgia's School Superintendent, Richard Woods

- Topic overviews provided by multiple GaDOE divisions on: Coherent Instructional Systems, Curriculum and Instructional Resources, Rules and Policy, Teacher and Leader Support and Development, ESSA, Assessment, CCPRI, Teacher Resource Link, Georgia's Virtual Learning Program, Georgia's System of Continuous Improvement and more.

- Please Register and Save the Date.

GaDOE 2017 Fall Curriculum Directors' Conference

Register now for the Fall Curriculum Directors' Conference on September 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Classic Center Conference Center in Athens. Conference topics will include:

• Keynote Presentation by ASCD author Suzy Pepper Rollins - *Learning in the Fast Lane* • Academic content areas (with information for new GSE for Science, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Media Arts, and Theatre Arts) • Georgia Virtual Learning • STEM/STEAM • College Readiness/Talent Development • PBIS/School Climate • Computer Science • Student Support Service • Teacher and Leader Support and Development • CTAE/Move On When Ready • ESSA/Whole Child • A New Virtual Learning Journey of Civil Rights in Georgia's History • Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement • And More!

September 27: GaDOE Fall Curriculum Directors' Conference

September 28-29: GACIS Fall Conference

Registration is now available for both conferences.

- Conference Information to Register!

Redesigned Teacher Resource Link (TRL)

TRL now has a new look! The Redesigned Teacher Resource Link is a One-Stop Shop for Teachers. With more than 28,000 resources available, the redesign features user-friendly search options. TRL is also categorized by grade-level standards. There is an Essential Toolkit for K-5 along with Curriculum Maps, Frameworks, Glossaries, Teacher Guidance, and downloadable resources, and the redesign for middle and high school is underway.
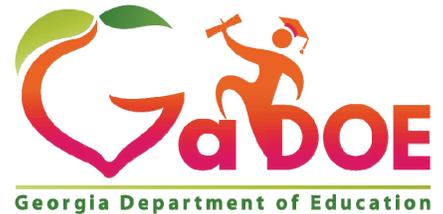
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SOCIAL STUDIES

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Social Studies GSE on GSO: It's A…Live

New social studies curriculum resources are available.

Visit the Social Studies GSE page on GeorgiaStandards.Org to see new resources for social studies content and instruction. A great resource library takes time to build. Check back frequently as we fill the shelves. These will soon also be in the redesigned TRL Essential Toolkit!

Types of resources for each grade level include:

Content Resources:

- Teacher Notes - explain for teachers what students should know about each standard and element in terms of content and cognitive demand

- Teacher Content Tutorial Videos - screencasts that describe for teachers what students should know in terms of content and cognitive demand

Instructional Resources:

- Curriculum Map - sample organizational structure for each course

- Sample Units - sample essential questions, instructional activities, and performance tasks for units in the curriculum map

- Instructional Activity Tutorial Videos - screencasts for teachers that describe inquiry-based instructional strategies

- Social Studies Labs - full inquiry lessons with a classroom-ready PowerPoint

- Virtual Specialist Professional Learning Communities - virtual communities specific to each grade level and course led by specialists from throughout Georgia, hosted at edweb.net.

- Student Video Dictionary - short, classroom appropriate videos for World History and 6th- and 7th-grade World Studies

GEORGIA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

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Need Teachers? Georgia Virtual School Courses Available

Want to offer a diverse catalog of high-quality courses, but you do not have certified teachers for all content areas? Consider enrolling students in Georgia Virtual School. We are still accepting registrations for fall 2017 as well as spring 2018.

Have Teachers? OER Courses Available

Start taking advantage of quality Open Educational Resources (OERs) from a trusted source and partner: Georgia Virtual Learning (GaVL). GaVL offers 108 OER courses. The GaVL Courses have been created by Georgia-certified educators who are subject-matter experts. Courses are reviewed for content, quality, and copyright. We partner with schools to provide equitable access to quality content for 6th-12th grade students by sharing these OER course materials.

Pre-planning is a great time to introduce teachers to the content and value they can gain by spending less time searching, less time evaluating OERs, and more time personalizing plans for students by utilizing these high-quality, free resources. Preparing emergency lesson plans? Need to find an interactive project? Looking for an exciting way to introduce a difficult topic? Teachers can use the GaVL resources in whole or in part.

Already familiar with these high-quality resources from GaVL? Check out our nine new courses, and 11 revised courses. The power of OER is waiting. Get plugged into learning!

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WORLD LANGUAGES

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3rd Annual Atlanta German Business and Education Summit

On July 31, the Third Annual Atlanta German Business and Education Summit will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Midtown Atlanta, at the Goethe-Zentrum in Colony Square. This event is made possible via a partnership between the Georgia Department of Education's World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives, the German Consulate of Atlanta, the German American Chamber of Commerce, the Central German Agency for Schools Abroad and the Goethe-Zentrum Atlanta. Guest Speakers include State School Superintendent Richard Woods, Nicole Heimann, Manager of Skills Initiative with the German American Chamber of Commerce, and Patrick Wallace, Program Specialist for World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

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Local Literacy Planning Guide

Check out this interactive infographic on how to develop local literacy plans by using evidence-based interventions. The Regional Education Lab and Institutes of Education designed this road map for district planning. You can also check out the Get Georgia Reading Campaign site for local data and local resources as you design local plans.

Georgia's National Writing Project Sites: Developing Evidence-based Instruction by Teacher Leaders
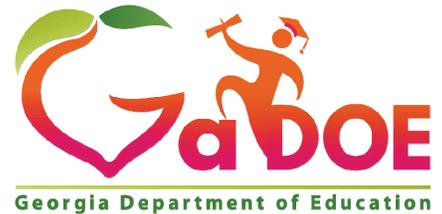
The Georgia Department of Education is partnering with the Georgia sites for the National Writing Project, an organization with a rich history of developing teacher leaders and strong evidence of improving writing instruction. Georgia Southern's Writing Project, KSU's Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project, UGA's Red Clay Writing Project, UWG's Cherokee Rose Writing Project are collaborating to create statewide resources and opportunities for teachers, teacher leaders, and school leaders. Together, Georgia's Writing Projects will present evidence-based practices for writing instruction and teacher leadership at the Georgia Council for Teachers of English (GCTE)'s annual conference from February 9 to 10, 2018 at University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education and Hotel in Athens. Plan ahead and sign up here.

Virtual Tours Develop Background Knowledge

Virtual tours are a great way to engage learners and develop knowledge that will support their reading comprehension and learning. The State Bar of Georgia houses a Museum of Law in its Bar Conference Center, which is visited by thousands of students and teachers in grades 4-12 each year. In 2015-2016, the Museum of Law launched a virtual version of the museum for students, teachers, and members of the public who are unable to attend the Journey Through Justice field trip in person. Season 2 of the Virtual Museum of Law is now live!

- The Virtual Museum of Law

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ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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Summer Assessment Resources

Assessment news focuses on several resources for 2017-2018 district and school planning.

First, within the next couple of weeks a revised copy of the 2017-2018 State Assessment Calendar will be posted on the Testing/Assessment Webpage under "For Educators" on GaDOE.org.

A PDF version and an Excel version will be posted to support system and school test coordinators, technology directors, educators, and other stakeholders in finding specific state testing windows, technology-specific dates, and training opportunities based on a particular assessment. For example, those EL educators requiring information regarding training dates for the ACCESS 2.0 may be able to sort the Excel version to show only the training dates and test dates needed for ACCESS 2.0.

Of note, the actual testing window dates have not changed from the 2/17/17 updated calendar. Only the formatting and training sessions have changed. This information should help district and school leadership to build local assessment plans and calendars. As noted above, the new State Assessment Calendar will be posted in the next two weeks.

Second, the "For Educators" page also shows a link to the guidance document for the "Superintendent's Test Certification Form."

The purpose of the "Superintendent's Test Certification Form" is to certify that the system adhered to all written regulations and procedures relating to testing and test administration as well as verification that any and all

irregularity documentation was sent to the appropriate program manager at the Georgia Department of Education.

System test coordinators may begin this process now; however, an email with further information will be sent in the next week.

Third, the Student Assessment Handbook is also posted on the "For Educators" webpage. This is a great resource for system and school test coordinators. This resource provides specific information on State Board policy; current state assessments; test security requirements and ethics; administration roles, requirements, and guidelines; irregularities and invalidations of assessments; and accommodations for students. Each year, the handbook is reviewed and revised to clarify policies and information. We will post a revised version of the handbook in late July, in time for the Fall Conference assessment webinars. Please take time to review this material prior to the new testing cycle.

TEACHER & LEADER SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT

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TLSD Partners with PSC

In partnership with the Professional Standards Commission (PSC), the TLSD team has created a series of modules supporting the new recertification requirements. They include modules on Professional Learning Communities, Professional Learning Goals, and Professional Learning Plans. The modules are accessible through Georgia's Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). Additional modules will be developed in Fall of 2017.

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CTAE

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Move On When Ready Updates & Reminders

1. Local school systems are now prohibited from excluding students in dual-credit courses from Valedictorian or Salutatorian determination. Georgia Code 20-2-161.3 (f)(4) was updated as a result of Senate Bill 211 during the 2017 legislative session. SB 211 was signed into law on April 27, 2017.

2. Exception: This does not apply to a high school student who moves into the local school system after his or her sophomore year and has not taken any courses on site at the participating eligible high school.

3. Health and PE classes are no longer available for MOWR students at TCSG's colleges beginning this Summer 2017.

4. USG colleges will only allow full-time MOWR students to enroll in PE classes (began Fall 2017).

5. Currently, an extension of length of eligibility is only available for students:

- With a documented IEP or 504 Plan that includes an extended enrollment in high school, or

- Who begin pursuing an SB2 Alternative Graduation Option at or before the beginning of the 11th grade, and who need an extended enrollment in high school to complete under SB2. A MOWR Eligibility Extension Request form will be available prior to July 1 from GSFC

FINE ARTS

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GSE for Fine Arts Approved!

The Georgia Standards of Excellence for Visual Art, Media Arts, and Theatre were approved by the State Board of Education on June 15, 2017. The new standards can be found at GeorgiaStandards.Org and on the GaDOE Fine Arts Page. Stay tuned for upcoming trainings and resources.

SCIENCE

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Are You Ready for August 21?

On August 21, 2017, there will be a celestial alignment of the earth, moon, and sun, resulting in a solar eclipse. An eclipse is a wonderful educational moment no matter where we live, but it can also be dangerous if one looks directly at the sun. The moon will move between the sun and Earth and will block the light of the sun. In other words, the moon will cast a shadow on the Earth. Some lucky areas of our state will experience a total solar eclipse, while most of us will experience a partial eclipse. Most of us know we should not look directly at the sun, but during an eclipse our curiosity and wonder can overtake our common sense. We just want to look up! It is critically important that we educate our students and communities about how to safely view an eclipse. This event will be happening around school dismissal time, so we all need to have a plan.

- NASA's Total Eclipse site

- To check out times and to see a simulation of what you will experience in your area.

- For safety information visit the American Astronomical Society and NASA sites.

- Total Solar Eclipse Safety

- Maps and General Information

Look to the local experts in your area. Our schools, museums, colleges, and universities have wonderful experts and resources. Many communities are planning parties and events to celebrate this moment. If you miss this year's total eclipse, you will have another chance in April 2024, but you may have to travel to witness it.

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SCHOOL NUTRITION

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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

What is CEP? CEP is a program that provides meals at no cost to all students in a qualifying school. A school's eligibility to participate in CEP is determined by the percentage of students that are directly certified or categorically eligible for free meals without completing an application. Students that live in a household that receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits or are identified as foster, migrant, homeless or runaway are considered categorically eligible without an application.

What are the benefits of CEP?

- All students receive breakfast and lunch at no cost;

- No more free and reduced meal applications;

- Students do not have to worry about money for meals;

- Increase in student participation in breakfast programs;

- On average, students that eat school breakfast have been shown to attend 1.5 more days of school per year and students that attend class more regularly are 20% more likely to graduate from high school;

- Students that eat school breakfast have been shown to achieve 17.5% higher scores on standardized math tests;

- Food-insecure students may be at greater risk of truancy and school tardiness. CEP helps to reduce food insecurity during the school year by allowing all students access to meals at no cost.

For more information on CEP, please contact Cindy Ham, cham@doe.k12.ga.us or Paige Holland,

COMPUTER SCIENCE (CS)

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A CS Reminder to Administrators and Counselors

Society is evolving to rely more on computer science and computational thinking. Students' knowledge in this area will be transformational to solving problems in our society. Nine exciting courses related to Computer Science can count as a fourth science for high school graduation in Georgia as well as admission into the University System of Georgia.

- Advanced Placement, Computer Science A

- Advanced Placement, Computer Science Principles

- Computer Science Principles

- Programming, Games, Apps and Society

- Game Design: Animation and Simulation

- Web Development

- Embedded Computing

- IB Computer Science, Year One

- IB Computer Science, Year Two

Let's promote these courses and this developing curricular area.

Offering Computer Science

Every high school can offer computer science courses! Georgia Virtual School (GAVS) offers several computer science courses for student enrollment during the school day. Check out the process for engaging students in high-quality computer science courses:

- Details of GAVS

- Course Offerings