

Good afternoon world language professionals!

Let me take a moment with this update to express our congratulations to all of Georgia's 2018 Graduates! We are so proud of you for accomplishing this goal and it is an important milestone in your educational and professional life. As educators, this is also a busy time of the year when we not only join in celebrating the accomplishments our senior students and all the events around graduation, finish up exams and reflect on the year and yes, even begin to think about the next school year or about finally finishing those projects in our professional and personal lives that we have been too busy to attend to. I want to personally thank all of Georgia's wonderful world language educators, district coordinators and administrators for the outstanding year we have had together in world language education. Our work is meaningful, of growing importance in so many ways and I know for many of us, a labor of love. Paulo Freire, a Brazilian born Educator and Philosopher once said, "Education is an act of love, and thus an act of courage." Your courage and your love for your students is evident for all to see and I wish you all a wonderful and successful end to the school year.

A Reminder: These updates are archived on the bottom of our professional development page [here](#) and the calendar has been updated below.

- Looking for a job? – Be sure to check out our openings listed below.
- GADII 2018 event [registration](#) is open. Check out this year's [GADII Conference Outline here!](#) It is going to be awesome!
- We are delighted to report an update on this year's first cycle of reporting for Georgia's Seal of Biliteracy. At this time, we have distributed 1092 Seals (a 99% increase over the level of reporting from last year) In addition, the number of languages has expanded with Georgia issuing Seals in Spanish, German, Portuguese, French, Latin, Chinese, Bulgarian, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Japanese and Arabic. (11 Languages) The first Seals in the history of Georgia were awarded in Bulgarian, Vietnamese, Cambodian and Japanese this reporting cycle! Additionally, we saw an expansion of the program into 14 districts outside metro Atlanta (see breakout map later in update. Georgia Students can currently earn this seal in over 90 languages.



- We are excited to unveil a first of its kind online resources for our French Immersion Teachers. The website www.teachinfrench.com is a unique online collaborative resource tool. It was created in collaboration with our friends at the French Consulate of Atlanta and was unveiled this week.
- Check out this wonderful [Dual Language Immersion Video about the DLI program in Gwinnett County!](#)
- Savannah announces new Chinese Immersion Program opening in the Fall at [Haven Elementary School](#).
- The AATG German Awards Celebration was well attended at Georgia Tech on May 6th! Thank You teachers, students and parents for your efforts and achievements!
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- We were delighted to welcome the President of the [French American Chamber of Commerce](#) for a short visit to the Department of Education and a conversation with Superintendent Woods this month. We look forward to further collaborations and conversations.



- [May Curriculum and Instruction Newsletter](#) has new updates from World Languages
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- The [Linguistic Society of America](#) (LSA), a long-time member of JNCL-NCLIS, is working to develop a suite of new resources for high school language teachers who are interested in including elements of linguistics in their courses.
- [CARLA announces summer Institutes for teachers](#). Deadline May 25th
- Congratulations as well to Mrs. Allison Kerley Townsend from Fulton County Schools for being named the 2019 Georgia Teacher of the Year!



More than seven billion people live in nearly 200 countries and speak roughly 7,000 languages. Country-specific laws and business practices combine with these languages and dialects to create hundreds of locales, each a unique blend that requires linguistic, cultural, business, and other adaptations. This is the eco-system in which work is done in the realms of business, education and government. Last year, [the languages services market](#) reached 43 billion dollars in revenue as the need to find linguistically and culturally talented workers continues to rise. Strategically, the new CIA Director, in her remarks before the confirmation committee, was very direct in stating the [needs of her organization related to foreign language skills](#). As [Georgia's Port continues to break records for April](#) moving 356,700 twenty-foot equivalent container, an increase of 7.1 percent and in order to strengthen the Port of Savannah's ability to support the state's future economic growth, the GPA Board approved \$66 million in terminal upgrades, including \$24 million for the purchase of 10 additional rubber-tired gantry cranes. [A recent study suggesting that 1 of every 11 Georgia jobs are tied to the ports of Savannah and Brunswick](#). Georgia's global arms continue to expand and recently, [Amazon's VP of its FBA service reported that](#) "In 2017, sales by small and medium businesses who sell globally grew at more than 50 percent, and that is twice the rate of domestic-only sellers." This is one reason why [US Senator Isakson calls Africa the most important continent](#) in the 21st century for our country. Facebook's [CEO Mark Zuckerberg](#) certainly understands the value of language in reaching new markets and Facebook, like many online platforms, continue to seek ways to expand into new languages and markets. [Recently, Swahili became the first](#)

[African language on Twitter](#). Whether it is the digital marketplace or the physical marketplace, the government or the private sector, everywhere we turn we see the need for language skills. [Georgia's tourism industry generated a record-breaking \\$63.1 billion in economic impact in 2017](#), for an increase of 3.8 percent over last year, according to the U.S. Travel Association and Tourism Economics. At this month's [Global Language Leadership Meeting](#) sponsored by [CULTR](#), Mrs. Seema Jain, the Director of Multicultural Affairs for Marriott International, reiterated the need for the hospitality industry to become more culturally and linguistically adept at making their customers feel at home and how this translates into increasing a company's bottom line. According to the [Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce](#), international investment in the metro Atlanta area remains strong. Beyond the obvious economic and strategic reasons to support language learning, there is ever increasing research to support the cognitive and academic benefits of learning languages. For some of those, see our links at the bottom of the update.



And these are just some of the highlights pulled from the last two weeks of news items related to the work we do as world language teachers. The [world is full of languages, cultures and opportunities](#).

“Everything is hard before it is easy” – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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- Please let us know of any world language teachers receiving awards statewide, we would very much like to join with you in celebrating their accomplishments!
- Likewise, if you know of a program in Georgia that deserves to be highlighted, please contact me at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us

Spotlight on teachers!

- Douglas County High School names IB Spanish teacher Giannina Gotuzzo as teacher of the year.

Giannina Gotuzzo has been teaching Spanish at Douglas County high school for the last 9 years. Each year her students successfully navigate foreign language competitions like West Metro and FLAG. Every year for the last seven years she has had a student participate in GHP for Spanish. Her students are very successful on their International Baccalaureate exams every year in both SL and HL often beating international averages. Her colleagues describe her as a high energy, fun loving teacher who encourages and motivates all who surround her. She works tirelessly to help her students in all of their endeavors. She co-coordinates the International Skills Diploma Seal. She is an active participant in local and state professional development. She attends Spanish Immersion Camp with her students each year. Her students adore her and work diligently to make her proud. She certainly represents what is best about Douglas County high school.



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Superintendent's Recognition

May 7, 2018

World Language Educators of the Month

Melissa Radu
August 2017

Smyrna Elementary School
Cobb County Schools

Meredith White
September 2017

Peachtree Ridge High School
Gwinnett County Schools

Luz Vargas
October 2017

Sequoyah High School
Cherokee County Schools

Sarah Downey
November 2017

Coastal Middle School
Savannah-Chatham Public Schools

Linda Chinn
December 2017

Woodland High School
Henry County Schools

Laura Miltner
January 2018

Ashford Park Elementary School
DeKalb County Schools

Brian Strickland
February 2018

Tapestry Public Charter School
DeKalb County Schools

Bruny Negroni
March 2018

Effingham High School
Effingham County Schools

Xiaojuan Guo
April 2018

Mercer Middle School
Savannah-Chatham Public Schools

Dr. Jamie Claymore
May 2018

Mountain View High School
Gwinnett County Schools

World Language Educators

Jonas Strecker

AATG German Georgia Teacher of the Year
South Forsyth High School
Forsyth County Schools

Ashley Allgood

GCA Latin Georgia Teacher of the Year
Brookwood High School
Gwinnett County Schools

Di Johnson

AATSP Spanish Georgia Teacher of the Year
Evans High School
Columbia County Schools

Pascal Datta

AATF French Georgia Teacher of the Year
Evansdale Elementary School
DeKalb County Schools

Xiufeng Zhu

GCLE Chinese Georgia Teacher of the Year
Gainesville High School
Gainesville City Schools

- Congratulations as well to Mrs. Diana Flores 2018-2019 World Language Academy Teacher of the Year!



Programs Spotlight!

- **We are also delighted to invite you to attend Ga's 5th annual Dual Language Immersion Institute which will be held at Douglas County HS on July 17th & 18th, 2018!** Last year's attendance broke all previous records and we look forward to another well attended event this year! This year's theme is "Partnering for Success: Sharing Best Practices and learning and leading together". We invite anyone interested in immersion education to attend and extend a special invitation to our English Partner Teachers in DLI programs across the state! You can register for the event [here](#). With 13 confirmed new DLI school starts in 2018, the need for this annual event continues to grow! Check out this year's [GADII Conference Outline here!](#) It is going to be awesome!

Congratulations to all of Georgia's Seal of Biliteracy Recipients!



Results from the 1st reporting Cycle for the Seal of Biliteracy for 2018 The 2nd reporting cycle will be completed by September 1st!

- Spanish = 802 (25 Districts reporting)
- German = 67 (6 Districts reporting)
- French = 164 (7 Districts reporting)
- Chinese = 17 (6 Districts reporting)
- Latin = 21 (3 Districts reporting)
- Bulgarian = 1 (1 District reporting)
- Portuguese = 4 (3 Districts reporting)
- Vietnamese = 4 (2 Districts reporting)
- Cambodian = 1 (1 District reporting)
- Japanese = 6 (1 District reporting)
- Arabic = 1 (1 District reporting)



Please contact Michaela Claus-Nix, World Language Content Specialist, for more information: mclaus-nix@forsyth.k12.ga.us

German High School Teacher

Latin High School Teacher

Job opportunities are posted on:

<https://www.applitrack.com/forsyth/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1> – contact mclaus-nix@forsyth.k12.ga.us

South Forsyth High School, one of the highest performing schools in the state of Georgia, is looking for a dedicated upper-level Spanish teacher with experience in teaching Spanish at all high school levels. Recent IB Spanish training is preferred. Please submit resumes to World Language Department Chair, Mrs. Steffi Legall-Riddle at SLegall@forsyth.k12.ga.us and complete an online county application at:

<https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/48484>

Lambert High School in Suwanee is seeking a candidate for a Spanish teaching position, preferably comfortable with level 3 as well as a proficiency-based curriculum. Contact: Kelsey Hill, World Language Department Co-Chair, kfhill@forsyth.k12.ga.us and Laura Spencer, World Language Department Co-Chair, lspencer48@forsyth.k12.ga.us

Please also complete a county application at: <https://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/48484>

Gwinnett County Schools

Peachtree Ridge High School in Gwinnett County Public Schools announces the following position available Fall, 2018 with interviews beginning immediately.

Full time Chinese Teacher

Peachtree Ridge High School

Gwinnett County Public Schools

Highly qualified teachers who do not need a visa may contact department chair Melanie Hutsell at

melanie_hutsell@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Gwinnett County Schools - Loganville

McConnell Middle School is seeking a full-time Spanish Teacher, please contact Principal Clent Chatham and Spanish teacher Lynne Gant for more information.

Clent_Chatham@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Lynne_Gant@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Peachtree Ridge High School in Gwinnett County Public Schools is seeking a part-time French teacher available for the 2018-2019 school year due to enrollment growth. Interviews will begin immediately. Complete a Gwinnett County Public Schools employment application at www.gcpsjobs.org 2. contact Department Chair Melanie Hutsell at melanie_hutsell@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

Welcome to the 5th annual GADII!

GADII 2018

Georgia's Premier Dual Language Immersion Institute
July 17 – 18, 2018
Douglas County High School



Savannah Chatham Schools

Four Spanish vacancies (three high school and one middle school) and two French vacancies (one high school and one middle school). SCCPS is still offering a \$2000 sign-on bonus and \$1500 for moving expenses. Candidates can apply at www.teachsavannah.com . Look under “Certified Secondary – Other” on the webpage.

Clayton County Public Schools is expanding world language options for the 2018-2019 school year. The district offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Please send resumes to Dr. Chantal Normil, Director. (Chantal.normil@clayton.k12.ga.us)

Positions include:

- 1 elementary school Chinese teacher
- 1 elementary school French teacher
- 2 elementary school Spanish teacher
- 1 middle school itinerant Chinese teacher
- 4 middle school itinerant French teachers
- 4 middle school itinerant Spanish teachers
- 2 Spanish dual language KK teachers (ECE – K-5 certified)

1 full-time Chinese position at Elite Scholars Academy 6-12 School of Excellence

7923 Fielder Rd, Jonesboro, GA 30236 | Phone 770-472-2823 | Fax 770-472-2837

Contact Dr. Shonda Shaw, Principal or Dr. Chantal Normil, Director

Visit the webpage for more information <http://099.clayton.k12.ga.us/>

1 full-time Chinese itinerant position for two middle schools

Dr. Chantal Normil, Director

Visit the webpage for more information <http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/>

Cherokee Bluff High School in **Hall County** is seeking a **German** teacher with a passion for teaching kids in an innovative, rigorous, and relevant environment! Please use the following link to apply: <https://www.applitrack.com/hallcounty/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=High+School+Teaching> You can also follow on Twitter @HallcoCBHS @Principal_McGee Website: <http://cbhs.hallco.org>

Washington County

Spanish Teacher sought for 9-12 at Washington County High School in Sandersville. [Link](#) to Job announcement.

Fayette County

Macintosh High School is seeking a Latin teacher.

<https://www.applitrack.com/fayettega/onlineapp/jobpostings/view.asp?all=1&all=1&AppliTrackSort=west&AppliTrackLayoutMode=detail&AppliTrackJobId=3399&AppliTrackViewPosting=1>

Fulton county

Fulton County is seeking a High School Latin teacher (Please contact Mrs. Patterson if interested - patterson@fultonschools.org)

Fulton county has two full-time positions for Spanish teachers at Sandtown MS on Campbellton Road in Atlanta for school year 2018-19. The contact for interested candidates is the principal, Ms. Estella Cook, CookEB@fultonschools.org

Two Full time Spanish positions at [Tri-Cities HS](#) in East Point.

Part-time position for German at Haynes Bridge MS in Alpharetta, GA

Roswell High School has an opening for the 2018-2019 school year for a full-time Japanese instructor, Japanese 1 – 5/AP. Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Tim Holt, holtt@fultonschools.org.

Roswell High School has an opening for the 2018-2019 school year for a part-time Latin instructor (Latin 1, Latin 2, and Latin 3/AP combo). Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Tim Holt, holtt@fultonschools.org.

Henry County

2 French Teacher openings in Henry County Schools.

<https://www.applitrack.com/henry/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=HIGH+SCHOOL&subcategory=Teacher+-+Foreign+Language+-+French+%289-12%29>

Cobb county

Job Title	Posting Date	Type	Location
Teacher FY 2018-2019, Elementary Dual Language Spanish Immersion(100)[190]	3/27/2018	Certified	CLARKDALE
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Teacher FY 2018-2019, Elementary Spanish (100)[190]	3/26/2018	Certified	CHEATHAM H 0172
	4/5/2018	Certified	CAMPBELL H
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Teacher, Elementary Dual Language Spanish Immersion(100)[190]	3/15/2016	Certified	WORLD LANG
Teacher, FY2018-2019 Elementary Dual Language Spanish Immersion(100)[190]	3/26/2018	Certified	HOLLYDALE
Teacher, HS Dual Language Spanish Immersion(114)[190]	2/22/2018	Certified	WORLD LANG
Teacher, MG Dual Language Spanish Immersion(113)[190]	2/22/2018	Certified	WORLD LANG

The German School of Atlanta

The German School of Atlanta is currently seeking to fill the following positions: Teachers / Assistants / Substitutes for both positions at different grade levels for the 2018-19 school year. Teachers for After-School-Enrichment-Programs in East Cobb and Peachtree Corners (Norcross) Please send your application including letter, CV, and references by e-mail to info@germanschoolatlanta.com.

Dalton Public Schools

Dalton Middle seeks German Language teacher grades 6-8. Contact Mr. Jones Principal - 706.278.3903

Quick Announcements!

- The next DLI in a Day professional learning event has already been scheduled to take place on September 15, 2018 at Kelly Mill Elementary School in Forsyth County. You can already register for that event via this [link](#).

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- **Upcoming World Language Event dates to be aware of.....**

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July 12 -14	CULTR Workshop with Carmen Scoggins (Teach Like a Coach.)
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July 17-19	Georgia's 5 th annual Dual Language Immersion Institute 2018 Register here!
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November 14-16	NADSFL/NCSSFL Conferences in New Orleans
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Feb 6th-9 th	7th Annual International Conference on Immersion
March 21-23 rd	SCOLT Conference in Myrtle Beach
April 26 th -27 th	Georgia World Language Leadership Institute

- This information and more is available via the professional development calendar on our webpages and on our professional development page [here](#).
- If you have any events that need to be added, please let me know.

Useful links for Language Teachers

- 8 ways to help students grow grit <https://www.eschoolnews.com/2018/05/11/8-ways-to-help-students-grow-their-grit/>
- ACTFL Proficiency guidelines and can-do statements <https://kidworldcitizen.org/actfl-proficiency-guidelines-can-do-statements/>
- Comprehension checks <https://martinabex.com/2014/04/21/comprehension-checks/>
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Links to articles related to World Language education.

- New CIA Director reaffirms need to build FL skills <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4728784/gina-haspel-hearing-testimony-foreign-language-excellence>
- Speaking a 2nd language may give low income students a boost <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/speaking-a-second-language-may-give-low-income-kids-a-boost/>
- Swahili makes history as first African language recognized by twitter <http://www.africanews.com/2018/05/09/swahili-makes-history-as-first-african-language-recognized-by-twitter/>
- Immersion is critical in the middle school years http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/global_learning/2018/05/immersion_is_critical_in_the_middle_school_years.html
- Why nouns slow us down <https://www.newyorker.com/elements/lab-notes/why-nouns-slow-us-down-and-why-linguistics-might-be-in-a-bubble>
- Building connections can help remove stress from language learning <https://www.educationdive.com/news/building-connections-can-remove-stress-from-learning-new-languages/522934/>
- Do bilinguals hear speech differently? <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-5728651/Learning-second-language-alter-sensory-perception-study-finds.html>
- Educators face new challenges in super diverse classrooms <https://edsources.org/2018/educators-face-new-challenges-in-superdiverse-classrooms-where-multiple-languages-are-spoken/597026>
- Cognitive Scientist define critical learning period for languages <http://news.mit.edu/2018/cognitive-scientists-define-critical-period-learning-language-0501>
- Learning Music or a foreign language can help boost your brain <https://www.zmescience.com/medicine/mind-and-brain/music-bilingual-brain-efficiency-17052018/>

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