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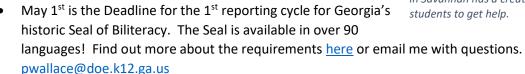
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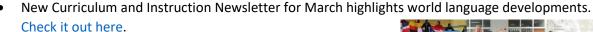
- Looking for a job? Be sure to check out our openings listed below.
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 - o Parents speaking about the value of immersion
 - Students explaining how immersion has benefited them



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- New languages available for <u>Georgia's Seal of Biliteracy</u>!
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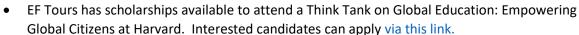
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The race to proficiency is real.

The Race To Proficiency

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- <u>Stipends available for German educators</u> to attend AP workshops through AATG.
- Next <u>Dual Language Immersion in a Day</u> Event set for Sept 15th in Forsyth County
- April 16th is deadline for Immersion Teacher of the Month nominations
- <u>Dual Language Immersion Endorsement Program at GSU</u> deadline is April 15th.
- Attention French, Spanish and Mandarin teachers, <u>Real Language right away</u> is holding a raffle for an annual pdf license (\$499.00 value). Email
 - <u>info@reallanguagerightaway.com</u> for more information.



- Time is running out to apply for the <u>AATG summer study scholarships</u>.
- ACTFL is offering scholarships for first time attendees to the upcoming ACTFL Conference in New Orleans. Find out more here.
- Lead with Languages offering summer scholarships to Concordia Language Villages. Find out more <u>here</u>.

Georgia continues to become more internationally connected with each passing week and encouraging our industries to reach out through these connections is vitally important to their growth and prosperity. Recently, at the Metro Atlanta Chamber's export challenge, a competition to encourage companies to develop and build export capacity and activities, several companies made their final pitches to be awarded money to pursue their export plans. Why is this important, Companies that sell overseas create twice as many jobs as those only selling in the U.S. market, they grow an average of 18 percent faster. Their workforce is typically 10 to 15



percent more productive and international sales volume also helps lower overall production costs and leads to increased profitability. Georgia continues to expand its ability to move cargo both by air and by land. This week, <u>Qatar Airlines was recognized with the top cargo award</u> from Hartsfield-Jackson International airport and the airport is considering ways to expand their cargo carrying capacity. Meanwhile, construction has begun as well on <u>the new Mason Mega Rail terminal</u> at the port of Savannah, which will add thousands of extra feet (meters) of track to enable the port to load trains that are 10,000 feet (3,048 meters) long. It will also double Savannah's capacity to move 40-foot (12-meter) cargo containers by rail to 1 million containers per year by 2028.

How then does the learning of linguistic and cultural competencies fit into strengthening Georgia's economic engine? Recently, New research reaffirmed that speaking a different language increases not only your job options but also your earning potential and another recent report noted that the demand for speakers of other languages is growing. The global economy is shifting away from the English-speaking world, according to the US Council on Foreign Languages and Approximately 18 percent of Americans report speaking a foreign language compared to 26 percent of Canadian and 54 percent of Europeans. Recent announcements by google and by Samsung confirm this rising focus on the benefits to be gained by learning languages. A recent article also highlighted the importance of local languages in India's internet economy and predicted that by 2021, there will be over 500 million users of Indian languages while English users will be half that number. Despite this growing focus on the impact of language learning globally, America is still lagging behind in the study of languages as highlighted in a recent article entitled "America's Foreign Language Crisis".

"Language is the blood of the soul into which thoughts run and out of which they grow." – *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

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Twitter: gadoeworldlanguages

- 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, <u>if you know of a program in Georgia that deserves to be highlighted, please contact me at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us)</u>

Educators Spotlight!

• It was an honor to be at Mercer Middle School to surprise Ms. Xiaojuan Guo as the World Language Educator of the Month for April. Ms. Guo teaches Chinese to all middle grades at

Mercer Middle School. Ms. Guo is not just teaching Chinese language in the school. She combines language with culture, with other subjects like math, arts, life skills, sports and so on. The students at Mercer Middle School have had very little exposure to the world outside of their neighborhoods. Ms. Guo is opening their worlds to an entirely different language and culture. More importantly, she is teaching them to be more empathetic and understanding of others. Again, we say a big thank you as well \triangle to all Ga's amazing linguistic and



cultural ambassadors in classrooms across our state at all levels.

Evans High School Spanish teacher Di Johnson recently was recognized before the
Columbia County Board of Education for being named the Georgia Chapter K-12 Teacher of
the Year by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Johnson, an
Evans High School graduate and former winner of the district STAR Teacher of the Year
award, graduated from Augusta College in 1985 with a teaching certification in English and
Spanish. She finished her master's degree in Spanish Language and Culture from Spain's
University of Salamanca in 2012.

Programs Spotlight!

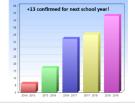
 We are also delighted to invite you to attend Ga's 5th annual Dual Language Immersion Institute which will be held at Douglas County HS on July 17th & 18th, 2018! Last year's

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 to share your best practices and tips for success! You can register for the event here. We also invite Presenters to



Last year's GADII was the most successful ever and we cordially invite you to join us again this summer for Georgia's 5th annual Dual Language Immersion Institute! We are now inviting presenters to submit session proposals for this year's GADII until May 4th. Presenters will be notified by May 11th. Thank you in advance and we hope to see you at GADII 2018!





submit a proposal for this year's GADII! You can do so via this <u>link</u>. With 13 confirmed new DLI school starts in 2018, the need for this annual event continues to grow!

• Georgia's innovative International Skills Diploma Seal's reporting deadline for qualifying students in April 15th. Every year, as part of the International Skills Diploma Seal

Program, the Georgia Department of Education invites each approved ISDS High School to send a representative **STAR Student** to be recognized at an end of the year awards ceremony. This year, the event will be held at the Georgia Department of Education, starting at 10am on Tuesday, April 24th, 2018. The form for participating and pre-approved ISDS Schools in Georgia to submit their STAR Students that will be attending this event is now available on our website or can be accessed directly via this link. The deadline for completing this form is April 15th. If you have any additional questions, please contact Mr. Patrick Wallace, Program Specialist for World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us

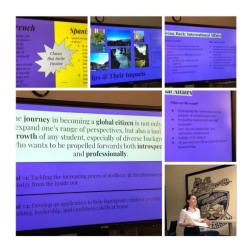


Figure 1 Centennial High School in Fulton county is just one of 95 high schools across the state that offer the International Skills Diploma Seal.

Job Announcements!

The International Charter School of Atlanta

The International Charter School of Atlanta is seeking a German immersion teacher for next school year. If interested, please contact barbara.wiren@icsatlanta.org

Clarke County Schools

Dual Language Immersion Teacher needed at Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary. <u>Link to job opening</u> – contact <u>dunnes@clarke.k12.ga.us</u> for information

Columbia County Schools

Seeking an 8th grade Spanish Teacher. - Contact Merrell Garner

<u>elizabeth.garner@ccboe.net</u> for information.

Forsyth County Schools

German High School Teacher Latin High School Teacher



Job opportunities are posted on:

Every year, students from South Forsyth HS decorate an Ostereierbaum!

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

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

Savannah Chatham Schools

There is a Spanish vacancy at Sol C. Johnson High School. They can contact me (see below) for additional information. They must complete an application at http://www.zilfire.com/teachsavannah/.

<u>Clayton County</u> 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)



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. <u>Link</u> to Job announcement.

Henry County

• Spanish Teacher 9-12 (Hampton High School in Henry County)

https://www.applitrack.com/henry/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=HIGH+SCHOOL

• Spanish Teacher 6-8 (Hampton Middle School in Henry County)

https://www.applitrack.com/henry/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=MIDDLE+SCHOOL

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

Cobb county

Job Title	Posting Date	Туре	Location
Supply Teacher Spanish (SUP1)	03/07/2018	Supply	HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL - 0516
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Spanish Connections

Job Title	Posting Date	Туре	Location
Supply Teacher MG Connections (SUP1)	02/27/2018	Supply	LINDLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL - 0325

• Campbell High School:

Teacher, HS French (114)[190]	12/15/2017	Certified	CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL - 0517
Teacher, HS Japanese (114)[190]	12/15/2017	Certified	CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL - 0517

• South Cobb High School:

Teacher, HS Spanish (114)[190] 11/27/2017 Certified SOUTH COBB HIGH SCHOOL - 0503

- A Japanese Teacher is also being sought in Cobb county. (Please contact Mr. Suarez if interested) <u>German.SUAREZ@cobbk12.org</u>
- <u>Teacher, Elementary Dual Language Spanish Immersion(100)[190]</u>03/15/2016CertifiedWORLD LANGUAGES – 0020 <u>Apply</u>

Perimeter College

March 26 till the first week of May. Three courses: Two regular courses, GRMN 1001 and GRMN 1002 AND one intensive course, GRMN 2002
 Please contact Rick Robinson at 404-578- 2558. Leave message if nobody picks. Please send CV rrobinson28@gsu.edu (put "German position" in subject area)

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 <u>link</u>.
- Remember, the deadline for this year's 1st reporting cycle for <u>Georgia's Seal of Biliteracy</u> is May 1st. A guidance at a Glance document is available for you to see here. You can submit your request for seals directly via our google form here. As always, if you have any questions pertaining to the seal, please email me at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us
- We are excited to announce an expansion of approved language testing agencies for Georgia's Seal of Biliteracy. <u>ALTA</u> Testing services has been approved to offer language test to students who wish to qualify for the Seal of Biliteracy. They offer oral and written

proficiency exams in 90 languages!

Chart of approved proficiency exams that meet the minimum requirement for Georgia's seal of biliteracy

Please see the table below for approved proficiency exams and required minimum scores or proficiency levels. Please contact the Program Specialist for World Languages, Mr. Patrick Wallace at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us, to inquire about languages that are not listed.



Further clarification on these tests can be found on the GaDOE Website for the Seal of Biliteracy

	Test Name	Testing Organization	Minimum Qualifying Score
Tier 1	AP Language Exams	College Board	• 4
	SL or HL Language B exam	International Baccalaureate	5 (SL or HL only)
Tier 2	OPI,RPT, WPT or OPIc	 Language Testing International 	 Intermediate High
	STAMP Test	 Avant-STAMP 4S Assessments 	• 6
(When Tier	ALTA Speaking/Writing Tests	ALTA Language Testing	• 1+
1 test are	ACTFL - (AAPPL)	 Language Testing International 	 Intermediate High
not	ACTFL – (ALIRA)	 Language Testing International 	 Intermediate 4
available at	DELE – Spanish	Cervantes Institute	• B1
the school	DSD – German	 German Educational Ministers Office 	DSD Level 1
for tested	DELF – French	 International Centre for French Studies 	 Level B1
language)	Youth Chinese Test (YCT)	Hanban	• Level 3
	HSK – Chinese	Hanban	• Level 3
	SLPI – ASL	 National Technical Institute for the Deaf 	 Intermediate Plus
	ASLPI - ASL	GALLAUDET	• 3+
	TOPIK – Korean	 National Inst. Internatl. Education (NIIED) 	• 4
	Ellinomatheia exam (Greek)	 CGL (Center for the Greek Language) 	 Level B1

- Current and archived GaDOE World Language Updates are now available online and archived at the bottom of our <u>Professional Development Page</u>. Now you can easily view past issues and easily reference them as needed.
- Nominate a deserving world language educator in Georgia to be recognized as the World Language Educator of the Month. Do so here!

• Upcoming World Language Event dates to be aware of.....

April 10 th	3 rd Round Deadline for QFI grants to support Arabic Teachers
April 12 th	Presentation of DLI Grant to Beulah Elementary School
April 14 th	MS/HS FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Albany Area)
	DSD Oral Tests at KSU
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April 28 th	FLES FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Metro Area)

	High School Immersion Day for German students at the Goethe-Zentrum
	<u>Atlanta</u>
April 30 th	Focus on ACTFL's Proficiency Guidelines and the Revised Can-Do
	Performance Indicators (North Georgia RESA)
July 9-11	CULTR Workshop with Mrs. Meredith White (Highlight Reel or highlight
-	Real?)
July 12 -14	CULTR Workshop with Carmen Scoggins (Teach Like a Coach.)
July 16-18	CULTR Workshop with Patricia Nolde (Beyond the Basics with Google
	Classroom.)
July 17-19	Georgia Dual Language Immersion Institute
May 1 st	Deadline for 1 st reporting cycle for the Seal of Biliteracy
May 11 th	CULTR 4 th annual Global Languages Leadership Meeting
Sept 15 th	DLI in a Day Professional Development in Forsyth
	Comprehensible Input Workshop in Savannah.
Sept 28 th	CULTR World Languages Day

- This information and more is available via the professional development calendar on our webpages and on our professional development page here.
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Useful links for Language Teachers

- Book creator https://bookcreator.com/
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Links to articles related to World Language education.

- How long should it take to learn a language http://www.smartbrief.com/branded/494B8B75-F0BD-48F8-B5B5-E30BE1C9C4E7/BCE78D23-63F1-4056-8C56-24FDAD112124
- Can Language shape perception https://undark.org/article/language-brain-cognition-perception/
- Want to earn more? Learn a language http://www.onrec.com/news/news-archive/americans-want-to-earn-more-cash-freshen-your-foreign-language-skills-from-high
- New ways of teaching math to California's English learners gets results
 http://laschoolreport.com/new-ways-of-teaching-math-to-californias-english-learners-are-getting-results-report-says/
- Tech Startups, Take Note: More Indians Access The Internet In Their Native Language Than In English https://www.forbes.com/sites/baxiabhishek/2018/03/29/more-indians-access-the-internet-in-their-native-language-than-in-english/#bed70ab4a031
- Don't underestimate or shortchange ells with disabilities
 http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/learning-the-language/2018/03/educators_can_shortchange_underestimate_ells_with_disabilities.html
- Switzerland's invisible linguistic borders http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20180325-switzerlands-invisible-linguistic-borders
- K-12 study abroad linked with increased learning outcomes
 http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/global_learning/2018/03/k 12 study abroad linked with improved learning outcomes.html
- More employers want to hire graduates who speak a foreign language http://universe.byu.edu/2018/03/27/foreign-language-demand-growing1/
- How world language learning and global competence compliment each other http://www.gettingsmart.com/2016/03/world-language-learning-global-competence-complement/

- Are fewer college students studying languages https://qz.com/1243751/language-education-the-number-of-american-college-students-studying-foreign-languages-continues-to-fall/
- The English language is the world's achilles heel http://theconversation.com/the-english-language-is-the-worlds-achilles-heel-93817
- Our brains treat signed and spoken languages the same https://www.futurity.org/brains-sign-language-speech-1721212/
- The time it takes to learn a new language depends on what you want to do with it https://phys.org/news/2018-04-language.html
- Can Spanish avoid America's language graveyard https://www.economist.com/news/united-states/21739769-battle-bilingualism-can-spanish-avoid-americas-language-graveyard
- Schools in Ireland pilot language program
 https://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/learning-languages-why-bilingual-kids-are-smarter-1.3433840
- Alaska Department of Education trying to promote the learning of native languages
 https://psmag.com/education/the-department-of-education-is-trying-to-promote-native-language-learning
- New online Spanish bookstore comes to the US. https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/publisher-news/article/76529-new-digital-spanish-language-bookstore-comes-to-u-s.html

As always, thank you for all that you do!

Patrick