

Good Morning world language professionals!

As always, it is a pleasure to reach out once again and share with you some of the latest developments regarding world language education in Georgia. February has arrived, and our calendar continues to fill up with great upcoming events. There is certainly a lot to look forward to and keep us moving into the month. Here are some of our favorite highlights from the past two weeks. I encourage you to read carefully as this update is packed!

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

- February is [Lead with Languages advocacy month!](#)
- Expansion of High Schools offering [the International Skills Diploma Seal!](#)
- New [Pre-Approved ISDS Courses](#)
- Dual Language Immersion in a Day Professional Development event was a big success!
- Launch of new [Competitive DLI Grant Opportunity](#)
- Awarding of [January World Language Educator of the Month](#)
- [Georgia AATG](#) holds annual Sprachbad Event
- Georgia AATG holds State German Convention in Covington!
- Georgia Chinese Language Educators (GCLE) celebrates annual luncheon and Awards Ceremony
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual French Immersion Weekend sponsored by Ga AATF will take place March 9-11. Find out more [here](#).
- Release of [January Curriculum and Instruction Newsletter](#) (World Language Updates – page 3)
- Georgia [embraces Germany's apprenticeship model](#)
- [Michigan](#) launches Seal of Biliteracy Program  
*"Customers in 207 countries buy Michigan-made goods and services, and foreign-owned companies employ over 200,000 workers in Michigan (Business Roundtable, 2015). Although English is widely used in international trade, the ability to communicate effectively and appropriately with colleagues and trade partners who speak other languages is crucial for Michigan's competitiveness and economic growth. The Michigan Seal of Biliteracy fully aligns with the goal of global competitiveness."*
- [Tennessee adopts Seal of Biliteracy](#) in response to the need for bilingual talent  
*Tennessee business leaders commended the benefits of the initiative, which creates a tangible incentive for high school students to become proficient in a second language. Several studies show that learning a second language can enhance a student's cognitive development, equip them with greater cultural understanding, and help them develop and prepare for an increasingly globalized job market.*
- GADII 2018 [Call for proposals](#) and event [registration](#) is open
- Next [Dual Language Immersion in a Day](#) Event set for Sept 15<sup>th</sup> in Forsyth County
- New [Japanese-English Dual Language Program](#) to be located in Peachtree Corners
- Innovative ASL Program in Cherokee County gets underway
- 21 students from Ridgeview High School have been invited to go to Japan as part of the [Kakehashi project](#) this summer
- Dalton German Program visits Volkswagen Plant
- [Georgia's State ESSA Plan is](#) approved

- [CIEE Global Navigator Scholarships](#) totaling \$25,300.00 awarded to students in Georgia HS. Deadline to apply for 2<sup>nd</sup> round is Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Innovative Programs in Cobb at Sprayberry and Walton HS teaches content in target language
- German Vocational Schools seeking partner schools in K-12
- [Trade 5 Scholarships](#) available for classes to visit local Industry partners!
- World Language Professional Development Opportunities with State RESAs
- Plans for the International Day at the Capitol move forward
- We celebrated the year anniversary of our social platforms! [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and Instagram.
- Dual Language Immersion Visitation day is set for March 29<sup>th</sup> to Hall county – Contact us to register to attend. ([pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us))
- The [Global Youth Ambassadors Program](#) is now accepting applications
- [Dual Language Immersion Endorsement Program at GSU](#) deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The [FLAG/SCOLT/SEALLT Conference](#) is moving closer! I'll see you there!
- We also look forward to speaking at this year's [GCEL](#), [SECCLL](#), [ISLP/CIBER](#) and [Unconference](#)

WITHOUT A **SHADOW** OF A DOUBT,  
IT'S TIME TO **SPRING** INTO  
LANGUAGE LEARNING!



Oh, and lots of economic news as well on the international front as the [French Automaker PSA](#) announces plans to open north American Headquarters in Atlanta joining Mercedes and Porsche all this while the Port of Savannah continues to break records in the [amount of container traffic](#) moved. Georgia's Tourism industry generates a [record \\$60.8 Billion in economic impact!](#) Atlanta is on the [short list for 2<sup>nd</sup> Headquarters for Amazon](#) and for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Georgia is the #1 state for doing business. Atlanta's Hartsfield Jackson Airport celebrated another milestone this week, being named the [world's busiest airport for the 20<sup>th</sup> year in a row](#) with over 103,902,992 passengers travelling through this world terminal last year! Atlanta's recent job growth and projected future job growth are outpacing the U.S. economy as a whole and [according to the Atlanta Regional Commission](#), the city had its strongest year of population growth in 2016 since the Great Recession. The market trends continue to indicate steady growth ahead for Georgia's economy and with it continued demand for labor to meet the needs of our diverse and growing industries. All of which continues to highlight the need for Georgia to build a global ready workforce capable of interacting with customers and partners from around the world. World language education is much more than building proficiency in a language in answer to our nation's economic and security needs, it comes with numerous other benefits, such as; cognitive growth, Increasing English & overall literacy, academic gains, increased learner engagement, social and mental health benefits.

***“One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.”***

***-Frank Smith***

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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](mailto:pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us)

## Educators Spotlight!

- It was our great pleasure to surprise Mrs. Miltner, a German Immersion teacher at Ashford Park Elementary in Dekalb County, as January's World Language Educator of the month for January. "Every school day, nearly 3,000 world language educators enter classrooms all across our state and passionately engage with the learners under their care," Wallace said. "They provide them with a cultural and linguistic experience that will benefit their future lives. Truly, without the selfless and dedicated service of teachers like [Miltner], children would not be complete." Her parent nomination read in part, "Frau Miltner has the herculean task of getting 52 kindergartners to begin understanding and speaking German," the parent wrote. "Unlike traditional two way, dual-immersion programs, we do not have half a class already speaking the target language. From the first time she speaks with a child, the only method of communication is German."



- German educators from across Georgia gathered today for the annual AATG Sprachbad at der Biergarten Restaurant in downtown Atlanta. Present were educators from many private and public German programs and from several universities including Georgia Tech, Kennesaw State



University, Agnes Scott College and Berry College as well as representatives from the Goethe-Zentrum Atlanta! A great time of networking and idea sharing and a wonderful presentation from Mr. Strecker on AP German and how to best prepare students for this

exam. A special thanks to der Biergarten Restaurant for supporting the event and Georgia AATG for organizing the event!

- The Georgia Chinese Language Educators (GCLE) met this past Saturday, February 3, 2018 at their annual luncheon and Awards event in Alpharetta. Representatives from several Universities were in attendance and presentations were made about several programs in the state designed to support Chinese teachers. The Luncheon, sponsored by the Confucius Institute of KSU was well attended.



## Programs Spotlight!

- On Thursday, January 25, 2018, students at Creekview High School, in the Cherokee County School District, were given an opportunity to participate in a work-based job shadowing program.

Students, who are currently enrolled in an American Sign Language IV course, visited Hasty Elementary School to observe three different Educational Interpreters for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. The students were to observe the



interpreting process and skills which include new signs and/or concepts, professional code of ethics, and how disciplines are handled. The students observe how the interpreter supports the behavioral management system and document interpersonal communication which includes appropriate social conduct according to district policies, positive attitudes, and collaboration with classroom teachers and staff. The students look forward to continuing to gain invaluable knowledge by having this hands-on experience over the course of the next several weeks.

- We very much enjoyed visiting Sprayberry High School in Cobb County to learn more about their International Spanish Language Academy. This innovative four-year program available at Sprayberry HS is open to both native speakers and students who are learning Spanish as a foreign language and combines content learning with the added rigor of 2nd language learning at the High School level. We enjoyed some wonderful and informative discussions with the students, staff and administration of the school and want to thank them for leading with language!



- 21 students from Ridgeview Middle School have been invited to go to Japan! They will be participating in the KAKEHASHI Project this March. The [“KAKEHASHI Project](#) -The Bridge for Tomorrow- Youth Exchange Program with North America” is a new initiative which provides for a fully funded 9-day study tour to Japan. A group picture will be taken on Monday, March 12th at Ridgeview Middle School! The Consul General of Japan and Consul Ohyama will be in attendance along with the State School Superintendent, Mr. Richard Woods.

- This weekend at the annual Georgia German Convention over 330 students from 23 different schools came together and enjoyed a time of fellowship, games, competition, dancing and connecting with university and college German programs across Georgia. A wide range of events and activities were planned, including a quiz bowl, posters and board games, entertainers and how to dance a German-Russian dance to the song „Moskau“ by the German band „Dschinghis Khan“ (1979). This year’s SOTY, TOTY, CSOTY, POTY were also announced at the event! A special thank you to all those who helped to put the event on this year!



- Dalton High School students in the German program recently took a tour of the Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga today with their instructor Frau Wyatt at the end of January. If you are a language teacher and are interested in visiting local international companies, you can apply for a scholarship through the Trade 5 Program [here](#). With thousands of international companies in Georgia, and more than 30 bi-national chambers of commerce, we know that our students will need to be globally work ready!



### Webinar Spotlight!

**A reminder:** We will be continuing our various webinar series in the coming year. These webinars are housed on our professional development page [here](#). If you have an idea or suggestion for a webinar, please feel free to send these to me at [pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us)

### Job Announcements!

**A reminder: On Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 from 9am -12pm Georgia will host the first ever World Language Job Fair at Whitewater High School in Fayetteville Georgia.** Members of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission will be on hand

to answer certification questions as well as representatives of the Georgia Department of Education. All of Georgia's school districts with open positions are invited to attend and interested job seeking candidates will have the

opportunity to talk with their representatives. Districts and Schools can register to host a table via this [link](#).

## Georgia World Language Teacher Job Fair

**Save the Date!**

Where: Whitewater High School in Fayetteville, Georgia

When: Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 12pm

- Are you interested in working as a world language teacher in Georgia?
- Would you like to speak with representatives of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission about teaching certification in the area of world languages?
- Would you like the chance to meet with representatives from some of Georgia's school districts with open positions for the 2018-2019 school year in world languages?
- Would you like the chance to meet with representatives of Georgia's Virtual school to discuss opportunities in teaching language online?

Don't miss this one of a kind opportunity!

We invite you to mark you calendars and join us for the nation's first ever statewide World Language Teacher Job Fair!



### 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/>.

**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](mailto: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. [Link](#) 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](mailto:patterson@fultonschools.org))

## Cobb county

- **Campbell High School:**

<a href="#">Teacher, HS French (114)[190]</a>	12/15/2017	Certified	CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL - 0517
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<a href="#">Teacher, HS Japanese (114)[190]</a>	12/15/2017	Certified	CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL - 0517
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- **South Cobb High School:**

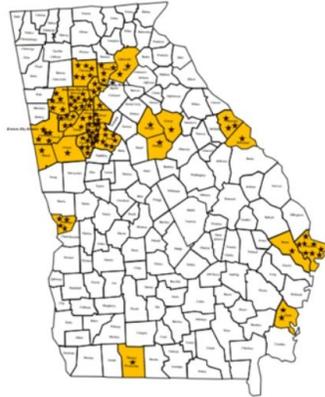
<a href="#">Teacher, HS Spanish (114)[190]</a>	11/27/2017	Certified	SOUTH COBB HIGH SCHOOL - 0503
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- A Japanese Teacher is also being sought in Cobb county. (Please contact Mr. Suarez if interested) [German.SUAREZ@cobbk12.org](mailto:German.SUAREZ@cobbk12.org)

## Quick Announcements!

- Georgia's innovative International Skills Diploma Seal, a program which was launched in response to the need from Georgia's business community to identify students who have engaged in an internationally focused curriculum, is now in its third year of implementation and we are proud to announce that 16 new High Schools in Georgia have been approved to offer this important Seal to their students! As Georgia's international connections continue to expand, this program is becoming even more relevant for our students! Additionally, the [list of pre-approved courses](#) has been expanded and is now available on our website.

**Congratulations to these Georgia High Schools, who have been approved this year to offer Georgia's International Skills Diploma Seal!**  
**Preparing Georgia's workforce by providing the essential linguistic and cultural competencies needed for the global marketplace of today and tomorrow!**



- Cambridge High School – Fulton County
- Carrollton High School – Carrollton City Schools
- Carver Early College – Atlanta Public Schools
- Chestatee High School – Hall County
- Creekview High School – Cherokee County
- Fayette County High School – Fayette County
- Hampton High School – Henry County
- Lambert High School – Forsyth County
- Maynard H. Jackson High School – Atlanta Public Schools
- Morgan County High School – Morgan County
- New Manchester High School – Douglas County
- North Springs High School – Fulton County
- River Ridge High School – Cherokee County
- Sandy Creek High School – Fayette County
- Starr's Mill High School – Fayette County
- Thomas County Central High School – Thomas County



- The Georgia Department of Education World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives is proud to announce a competitive grant application for all current public school Pk-8 Dual Language Immersion Programs in Georgia! The Grants, which are made possible through funds collected in partnership with the Georgia Foundation of Public Education, seek to identify current statewide best practices, identify areas of common challenge and provide financial support toward grant proposals that strive toward excellence.

### 2018 GaDOE Dual Language Competitive Grant

The Georgia Department of Education World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives is proud to announce a competitive grant application for all current public school Pk-8 Dual Language Immersion Programs in Georgia! The Grants, which are made possible through funds collected in partnership with the Georgia Foundation of Public Education, seek to identify current statewide best practices, identify areas of common challenge and provide financial support toward grant proposals that strive toward excellence.

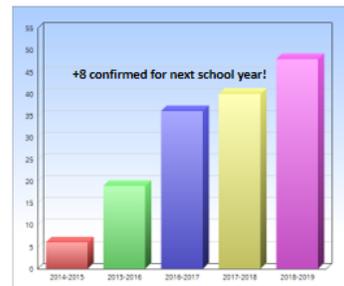


- Georgia's first Dual Language Immersion in a Day professional workshop was a great success! With over 160 registered attendees and over 17 different sessions from educators and administrators, the program provided a rich variety of informative insights from practitioners and program administrators, including a well-attended session on Georgia State University's new Immersion Endorsement Certificate. A special thanks to our hosts, presenters, vendors and our visitors from other states! 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](#).



- 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 submit a proposal for this year's GADII! You can do so via this [link](#). With 8 confirmed new DLI school starts in 2018, the need for this annual event continues to grow!

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



**Last year's GADII was the most successful ever and we cordially invite you to join us again this summer for Georgia's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Dual Language Immersion Institute!**

- Announcing a new PD opportunity for world language teachers in the Coastal Plains RESA area on March 6<sup>th</sup>. [“Leading with Language for all of Georgia: A comprehensive overview of current ongoing developments in world language education statewide, how linguistic and cultural competencies relate to Georgia’s global realities and potential, an honest and open discussion of how to connect rural Georgia language programs together and to the overall work in the state and a look into the practical applications of the renewed focus on proficiency.”](#)

## Upcoming World Language Professional Development

Focus on ACTFL’s Revised Proficiency Guidelines and the Revised Can-Do Performance Indicators

**April 30<sup>th</sup>!**

**Feb 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>!**

**Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Logo:** REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY, MIDDLE GEORGIA, WEST GEORGIA, NORTHWEST GEORGIA, METRO, NORTH EAST GEORGIA, CENTRAL SAVANNAH, GRIFLIN, OCONEE, HEART OF GEORGIA, FIRST DISTRICT, CHATTAHOOCHEE-FLINT, COASTAL PLAINS, SOUTHWEST GEORGIA, OKEFENOKEE.

**Course Description:**  
 Leading with Language for all of Georgia: A comprehensive overview of current ongoing developments in world language education statewide, how linguistic and cultural competencies relate to Georgia’s global realities and potential, an honest and open discussion of how to connect rural Georgia language programs together and to the overall work in the state and a look into the practical applications of the renewed focus on proficiency.  
 This professional development opportunity will begin with an open presentation reviewing the major efforts underway at the state level, including a look at Georgia’s new Seal of Biliteracy and its implications, Georgia’s International Skills Diploma Seal and how it is structured, immersion education and the growth of the dual language immersion model and how this relates to all learners, and an overview of the larger economic trends and growth as well as strategic imperatives that are raising awareness to the importance of linguistic and cultural competencies.

- We would like to take a moment to encourage teachers to take part in this year’s FLAG/SCOLT/SEALLT Conference March 15-17 in Atlanta. Find out more by visiting the conference website [here](#). This year will also features several sessions on Immersion education and is sure to be well attended by teachers from across the Southeastern United States!



- Current and archived GaDOE World Language Updates are now available online and archived at the bottom of our [Professional Development Page](#). Now you can easily view past issues and easily reference them as needed.
- The January edition of the Georgia Department of Education’s Curriculum and Instruction Newsletter has been posted to [gadoe.org](#) and can be accessed from this [link](#). World Language Updates are on page 3! Every month it seems, space will not permit us to tell of all that is happening in world language education in Georgia! That is why we have posted these updates online in pdf form for you to access at the bottom of our professional Learning page [here](#).
- A model template notification letter for recipients of Georgia’s historic Seal of Biliteracy is now available on our [Biliteracy Seal webpage](#). You can access it directly via this [link](#). Special thanks to Dr. Valentine and Dr. Vedder with Gwinnett County Schools for their invaluable assistance!

- We have been receiving some wonderful letters of support from various agencies and organizations for world language education in Georgia. You can access them via this [Link](#). If your organization would like to supply a letter of support, please contact me at [pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us)
- UGA invites you to register for a professional development opportunity with Dr. Terry Waltz to demo TPRS methods by teaching us 3 consecutive Mandarin classes at the Athens library. She will do a wonderful all-day Saturday methods workshop in Gwinnett on 2/24 for a modest \$65 fee. Participants must register at [www.coe.uga.edu/bigread](http://www.coe.uga.edu/bigread)
- **Nominate a deserving world language educator** in Georgia to be recognized as the World Language Educator of the Month. Do so [here!](#)
- GYAP ([Global Youth Ambassadors Program](#)) 2018 will provide high school participants with a unique opportunity to foster transatlantic relationships with their peers in Germany. In partnership with a variety of American and German institutions, including Amerikahaus, Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institute Nuremberg, the Atlanta-Nuremberg Sister City Committee, International Affairs, City of Nuremberg, and Goethe Zentrum Atlanta, student participants will have the best possible global learning experience.
- The Studienbruecke Program for German students interested in studying in Germany is now accepting applications through March 30<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found [here](#).
- Encourage your excellent world language students to apply to be recognized as a Georgia Scholar for 2018! Find out more [here!](#)
- The Summer Language Institutes at the University of North Georgia are accepting student applications for language programs of study in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Russian. More information on these programs can be found on the website [here](#). High school students will be eligible to apply as [Move on When Ready/Dual Enrollment](#) student to take advantage of the financial assistance available to them via this program. Deadline to apply is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- French students are invited to participate in the Louis Francois Centre for UNESCO's **international visual arts competition** and the **French language poetry competition**. All participants' work will be conserved in our artotheque, 'Memories for the future', as a recording of the creativity and talent of young people. [International visual arts competition](#)

2018 theme: « Peace, to live together in harmony »  
 Submission deadline: 24 February 2018 (100 winners)

[International French language poetry competition](#)

2018 theme: « In search of equality »

Submission deadline: 31 January 2018 (50 winners)

- Save the dates for your students to participate in the FLAG Spoken Language Contests! You can find out more about these events [here](#). Registration windows begin January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- AATG Summer Study Scholarships are available. Deadline is April 1st. Find out more [here](#).
- A great list of scholarships and grants for language programs and study abroad is available at the Lead with Languages webpage [here](#).
- On Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, I am delighted to offer in collaboration with Middle Georgia RESA and with Middle Georgia State University the first of hopefully many workshops related to statewide initiatives and understanding and using ACTFL's proficiency standards and recently revised can-do performance indicators in the classroom. Registration is available online [http://www.ciclt.net/sn/resa/recl\\_application.aspx?ClientCode=mgresa&CL\\_ID=104340](http://www.ciclt.net/sn/resa/recl_application.aspx?ClientCode=mgresa&CL_ID=104340)
- The date of **Georgia's** (and the nation's) first statewide **World Language Job Fair** has been set for Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-12pm at Whitewater High School in Fayette County. Districts wishing to host a table at the job fair can apply to do so via this [link](#).
- ***The ATTSP Spanish Immersion Camp*** will be held from Feb 9-11. You can find out more information by following this [link](#).
- ***Upcoming World Language Event dates to be aware of.....***

February 8-10	<a href="#">NECTFL 2018</a> Conference in New York
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Focus on ACTFL's Proficiency Guidelines and the Revised Can-Do Performance Indicators</a> (Middle Georgia Workshop)
February 13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Deadline for <a href="#">QFI grants</a> to support Arabic Teachers
February 9-11	<a href="#">AATSP Immersion</a> Camp
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop with Okapi Educational Publishing/ <a href="#">dodge learning</a>
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Online meeting of GaDOE WL University/College Advisory Board Deadline for Round 2 applications of <a href="#">CIEE Global Scholarships</a> for Summer study abroad
February 15 – 16	<a href="#">JNCL-NCLIS Language Advocacy Day</a> in Washington
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	World Languages Collaborative at Georgia Southern
February 22-24	<a href="#">ISLSP/CIBER Conference</a> in Florida
February 24	UGA sponsored PD with <a href="#">Dr. Waltz in Gwinnett for Mandarin TPR Method</a>

	<a href="#">FLANC Conference</a> at UNC Asheville
Feb 26-27 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">GCEL Conference</a> in Savannah
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	GaDOE DLI Grant Application Deadline Renewing of French MOU with GaDOE
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Deadline for Submissions for DLI Grant due to GaDOE
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Georgia World Language Job Fair at Whitewater High School 9am – 12pm.
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Coastal Plains RESA PD</a> Opportunity
March 8-9	Georgia World Language Leadership Institute
March 9-10	<a href="#">GAOME Dual Language Symposium</a> in Athens
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	FLES/MS/HS FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Savannah Area)
March 9-11	<a href="#">33<sup>rd</sup> annual French Immersion Weekend</a> sponsored by Ga AATF
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	GaDOE DLI Grant Recipients notified
March 15-17 2018	<a href="#">FLAG/SCOLT conference</a> in Atlanta
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	International Day at the Capitol
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	MS/HS FLAG Spoken Language Contest at McEachern HS in Cobb County
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ga Statewide WL District Coordinator Meeting (online) 10am – 12pm
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for applications to <a href="#">Studienbruecke</a> Program
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for students to apply for <a href="#">AATG Summer Study Scholarships</a> Deadline to apply for <a href="#">UNG summer language Institutes</a>
April 4-5	<a href="#">SECCL Conference</a> in Savannah
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round Deadline for <a href="#">QFI grants</a> to support Arabic Teachers
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	MS/HS FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Albany Area) DSD Oral Tests at KSU
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for reporting of International Skills Diploma Seal <a href="#">Dual Language Immersion Endorsement Program at GSU</a> entrance deadline
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tentative date for ISDS Awards Ceremony at the DOE
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	FLES FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Metro Area)
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Focus on ACTFL's Proficiency Guidelines and the Revised Can-Do Performance Indicators</a> (North Georgia RESA)
July 17-19	Georgia Dual Language Immersion Institute
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for 1 <sup>st</sup> reporting cycle for the Seal of Biliteracy
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">DLI in a Day</a> Professional Development in Forsyth

- 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.

### **Additional Opportunities for teachers**

- The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) is looking for experienced and enthusiastic teachers, counselors, and coaches to lead our high school students through their summer study abroad experiences around the world. Global Navigator High School Summer Abroad programs are three to four weeks long and operated by

CIEE Study Centers in one of 36 international locations. These programs give curious, motivated high school students the opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture, to learn and practice a world language, to develop self-awareness and leadership skills, and to conduct field research in a subject of interest. Programs are divided into three categories: Language & Culture, Service & Leadership, and Global Discovery. Apply [here](#)!

- World View is accepting applications for the 2018 Global Study Visit Programs in China and the Dominican Republic, which are designed to support K-12 and community college educators in becoming leaders for global education. Additional information and applications are available at <http://worldview.unc.edu/our-programs/abroad/>
- The National Spanish Examinations (NSE), a program of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), is committed to providing teachers with opportunities to continue their professional development so as to design instruction and assessments from first hand experiences with Spanish language and culture. To this end, NSE will offer four (4) scholarships for up to \$4100 for Teacher Study Abroad in Spain and two (2) scholarships for up to \$2100 for Teacher Study Abroad in Costa Rica. [The scholarships](#) are offered through MLSA (Modern Language Studies Abroad).
- AATG Summer seminars in Austria and Leipzig. Find out more information [here](#).

### **Useful links for Language Teachers**

- Maximize Learning at the beginning and end of class [https://calicospanish.com/maximizing-learning/?utm\\_content=buffere61bd&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://calicospanish.com/maximizing-learning/?utm_content=buffere61bd&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer)
- Scaffolding interpersonal assessment for level 1 <https://marishawkins.wordpress.com/2018/01/23/scaffolding-interpersonal-assessment-for-level-1/>
- 20 things you can learn in 10 minutes to be a better teacher <https://www.teachthought.com/pedagogy/20-things-you-can-learn-in-10-minutes-to-become-a-better-teacher/>
- Edpuzzle – Make any video your lesson <https://edpuzzle.com/>

### **Related local news**

- Ashford Park Teacher is recognized as World Language Educator of the Month for January <http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/community/ga-doe-honors-ashford-park-educator/>

- Georgia embraces Germany's apprenticeship model  
<https://www.marketplace.org/2018/01/26/business/georgia-embraces-germany-s-apprenticeship-model>
- Hartsfield Jackson Airport busiest airport in the world for the 20<sup>th</sup> year!  
<https://www.wabe.org/atlantas-hartsfield-jackson-worlds-busiest-airport-20th-year/>
- Tourism in Georgia generates record 60.8 Billion  
<http://www.georgia.org/newsroom/press-releases/tourism-industry-generates-record-60-8-billion-economic-impact/>
- Savannah breaks container traffic record <http://www.ttnews.com/articles/port-savannah-breaks-container-traffic-record>
- Atlanta makes short list for Amazon headquarters  
<http://www.ajc.com/news/local/atlanta-named-amazon-shortlist-for-hq2/fwqt15iTsSUe3wigCfUP4M/>
- French Automaker to open North American Headquarters in Atlanta  
<http://www.myajc.com/news/local/french-automaker-open-north-american-atlanta/KHTuO8lBjkKRdhDGqmi7el/>
- New Japanese-English Dual Language Immersion Program set to open in August  
<http://peachtreecornerslife.com/2018/02/dual-language-japanese-english-school-planned-peachtree-corners/>
- Atlanta's economy and growth continues to be strong  
<http://www.knowatlanta.com/business/atlanta-economy-2017/>

**Links to articles related to World Language education.**

- A parent's campaign to break down language barriers for ELL families  
[http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/learning-the-language/2018/01/breaking\\_down\\_language\\_barriers\\_for\\_ells.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/learning-the-language/2018/01/breaking_down_language_barriers_for_ells.html)
- Infants recognize foreign languages  
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/01/180124085553.htm>
- Post Brexit Britain has problems because children are not learning foreign languages  
<http://metro.co.uk/2018/01/22/post-brexit-britain-problems-children-arent-learning-foreign-languages-7251360/>
- Lost in translation: the power of language to shape your view of the world  
<http://nprillinois.org/post/lost-translation-power-language-shape-how-we-view-world#stream/0>
- Wisconsin Educators and Business look to the future of language  
[https://www.wpr.org/wisconsin-educators-business-look-future-language?utm\\_content=66452804&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter](https://www.wpr.org/wisconsin-educators-business-look-future-language?utm_content=66452804&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter)
- Why babies can learn 2 languages at the same time. <http://www.theitem.com/stories/why-babies-can-learn-2-languages-at-the-same-time,302461>
- Dual Language Immersion headed to middle school  
[https://news.hjnews.com/allaccess/dual-language-immersion-headed-to-middle-school/article\\_9298890a-e662-5d45-af20-](https://news.hjnews.com/allaccess/dual-language-immersion-headed-to-middle-school/article_9298890a-e662-5d45-af20-)

[bc86b878f9f8.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=user-share](https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/320640.php)

- Children with Autism may benefit from language learning  
<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/320640.php>
- Why language learning will top the corporate agenda  
[https://www.trainingjournal.com/articles/opinion/why-language-learning-will-be-top-corporate-agenda-2018?utm\\_content=bufferb1062&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://www.trainingjournal.com/articles/opinion/why-language-learning-will-be-top-corporate-agenda-2018?utm_content=bufferb1062&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer)
- The Benefits of being bilingual [http://www.collegiatetimes.com/lifestyles/the-benefits-of-being-bilingual/article\\_43b71026-fd42-11e7-8d2e-536a1838ef40.html](http://www.collegiatetimes.com/lifestyles/the-benefits-of-being-bilingual/article_43b71026-fd42-11e7-8d2e-536a1838ef40.html)
- How to prepare students for a global society  
[http://oecdeducationtoday.blogspot.fr/2018/01/how-to-prepare-students-for-complexity.html?utm\\_source=t.co&utm\\_medium=referral](http://oecdeducationtoday.blogspot.fr/2018/01/how-to-prepare-students-for-complexity.html?utm_source=t.co&utm_medium=referral)
- Demand in the US for Legal and healthcare interpreters gets media attention  
<https://slator.com/demand-drivers/demand-in-the-us-for-legal-and-healthcare-interpreters-gets-increasing-media-attention/>
- Parents and teachers praise UTAH DLI programs <http://universe.byu.edu/2018/01/17/dual-language-immersion/>
- Learning a foreign language could boost your business  
<http://www.eadt.co.uk/business/learning-a-new-language-to-boost-your-business-1-5358315>
- Dual language immersion will change achievement in American schools  
<https://medium.com/language-matters/why-the-dual-language-immersion-approach-will-change-achievement-in-american-public-schools-9a9c5a192106>
- Advancing Dual language Education  
<https://www.languagemagazine.com/2018/01/10/advancing-dual-language-education/>
- High school offers first ever native American language course  
<http://capeandislands.org/post/mashpee-high-school-offers-first-ever-native-american-language-course#stream/0>
- How to start a foreign language program <https://www.educationdive.com/news/get-talking-how-to-start-a-foreign-language-program/515320/>
- Milwaukee bilingual program helps prepare students for the global economy  
[https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/milwaukee-public-schools-bilingual-program-helps-students-compete-in-a-global-economy?utm\\_content=bufferf559a&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/milwaukee-public-schools-bilingual-program-helps-students-compete-in-a-global-economy?utm_content=bufferf559a&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)
- Work in a globally minded school: Here is why you are better for it.  
<https://www.edweek.org/tm/articles/2018/01/31/i-work-in-a-globally-minded-school.html?cmp=eml-enl-eu-news2-rm&M=58364758&U=1801550>
- Language utilizes ancient brain circuits <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-athletes-way/201801/language-utilizes-ancient-brain-circuits-predates-humans>
- US Dept of Ed launches new English Learner Data story <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-launches-new-english-learner-data-story>
- After school language programs seeks to pass on “gift” of French language  
<http://fiddleheadfocus.com/2018/01/27/news/after-school-program-aims-to-pass-on-gift-of-french-language/>
- The shallowness of google translate  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2018/01/the-shallowness-of-google-translate/551570/>

- Portland public school meets to gauge interest of Arabic immersion program  
<http://katu.com/news/local/portland-public-school-holds-meeting-to-gauge-interest-on-arabic-language-immersion>
- Spanish Immersion keeps growing in Delaware Schools <https://why.org/articles/spanish-immersion-keeps-growing-in-delaware-elementary-schools/>
- Alaska native language experts ask state to declare a linguistic emergency  
<https://www.alaskapublic.org/2018/01/31/alaska-native-language-experts-urge-the-state-to-declare-a-linguistic-emergency/>
- At Wood River High School, a club 'United' across cultures  
[http://www.mtexpress.com/news/education/at-wood-river-high-school-a-club-united-across-cultures/article\\_4aa7e9f2-0213-11e8-a899-0b854c793b88.html?utm\\_content=buffer04215&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://www.mtexpress.com/news/education/at-wood-river-high-school-a-club-united-across-cultures/article_4aa7e9f2-0213-11e8-a899-0b854c793b88.html?utm_content=buffer04215&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)
- Bilingual education should be available for all  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/letters/archive/2018/02/letter-the-intrusion-of-white-families-into-bilingual-schools/551768/>

As always, thank you for all that you do!

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