

Happy Friday world language teaching professionals! (Note – these weekly updates are distributed to World language teachers K-16 and district coordinators)

It is time once again for the weekly update for world languages from the Georgia Department of Education. It is my intention to continue with these updates until the end of May. I will then start to provide them Bi-weekly or as needed for the months of June and July and restarting again weekly with them in August. Note, by July 19<sup>th</sup>, I expect to update the reporting procedures for both the Seal of Biliteracy and the International Skills Diploma Seal so I will send out an update about these programs separately this summer.

We are another week closer to graduation and it has been my great pleasure this week to have been invited to many different awards ceremonies statewide celebrating students receiving Seals this graduation cycle. Truly, the response to the Seal programs this year has exceeded our expectations and as I move around the state and have a chance to visit with administrators, teachers, parents and students, I am amazed at the support that these programs are getting and meeting the wonderfully talented students that have benefited from them has been inspiring.

A reminder to please share with us the great stories that are happening in your districts with regards to world language education. It is my goal to support your programs in any way that I can and let me state again what an honor it is to serve you all in this capacity.

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Now, time for some updates....

### **Overview!**

- Even as graduation plans move forward in the various counties, there are still many developments and opportunities with regards to world languages that need to be shared with all of you. It has been an exciting week celebrating all of the achievements of WL students across the state! Plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Georgia Dual Language Immersion Institute have also been further developed and more detail about this event is shared below and had been updated on our professional development page [here](#). A draft of the program is available for you to view as well online but I am attaching it as well to this update.

### **Biliteracy Seal Update**

- As I mentioned last week, the response to the new Biliteracy Seal this year has been amazing! Currently, I have sent out nearly 800 Seals to be delivered to graduating seniors this may. Many systems have begun developing their own county recognitions for the seal as well. I have several ideas of how we can streamline the application process moving forward and provide systems with access to materials to help recognize this accomplishment for students.
- The next reporting deadline for the Seal of Biliteracy is September 1<sup>st</sup>. Prior to the start of the next school year (by July 19th), I will inform you about updated reporting procedures for students who qualify for the seals. This summer, systems and schools will receive their scores back from students taking the AP language exams this may. I ask that you wait to submit the

names of these students until after July 19<sup>th</sup> when the new reporting procedures are in place. Until then, please keep these on file in your local districts or schools.

- I expect to see increases in the number of students involved statewide in world language AP exams as a result of the way the law for the Biliteracy Seal was written. I have already heard of this happening in several districts as information about the Seal of Biliteracy spreads. The main pathway for students to obtain the seal is through their AP or IB programs if they are present in the school. If they are not, students can choose from a proficiency exam from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier of tests. This information is available and explained in more detail on our website [here](#). As always, please notify me if you have any questions or need further clarification.
- Biliteracy Seals in Fayette County were highlighted this week in the local news <http://thecitizen.com/2017/05/09/students-earn-georgias-new-seal-biliteracy/>

### **International Skills Diploma Seal Update**

- As I mentioned above, I will be reviewing and updating reporting procedures for both the ISDS and the Biliteracy seals over the summer. I expect to have the new procedures in place by July 19<sup>th</sup>. My goals with the update are to increase the ease of reporting and thereby lessen the burden on systems and schools when it comes to the reporting of these seals in the years ahead while maintaining and adhering to the requirements for both programs as set forth and explained on our websites regarding these seals.
- Since its inaugural year last year, growth in Georgia's innovative International Skills Diploma Seal program continues to be strong. A 30% increase in Seals delivered this year to over 650 students at 80 participating High Schools in over 28 districts, confirms that this program continues to be well received by students, teachers and school administrators.



**GADII 2017**  
**Georgia's Dual Language**  
**Immersion Institute**  
**July 11-12, 2017**



### **Dual Language Immersion Update**

- **GADII July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>!** The World Languages Department of the Georgia Department of Education is proud to announce that the program for the 3rd annual GADII (Georgia's Dual Language Immersion Institute) has been confirmed. This year's GADII will take place from July 11-12, 2017 and will be co-hosted by the Atlanta International School and Garden Hills Elementary School. Registration for the event is free and is available by clicking on the link below. This year's GADII features free DLI workshops for both teachers and administrators, several interest sessions, a DLI video project, an opportunity to connect with sponsors of DLI materials and the chance to network with fellow teachers, administrators and experts in DLI

education! Please join us for this great opportunity to learn more about DLI and the unique challenges and opportunities of such programs.

- You can register for the event via this [link](#). (Well over 140 people have already registered!)
- There is **no cost** for you to attend!
- New Guidelines for Teacher certification with regards to Dual Language Immersion will soon be made available to the wider audience. This is part of Georgia's plan in light of the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act passed in 2015) and will be submitted to the federal government for approval.
- Forsyth County has announced that they will open three DLI Schools for 2018-2019 school year. Here is a link to the article. <http://www.forsythnews.com/section/1/article/32783/>
- Several new DLI programs will also be opening in other Georgia counties this school year.
- Dual Language Programs in Gwinnett were featured in the Gwinnett School news! Here are some links to these videos. This week's IN5 program, highlighting DLI Year 3!  
<http://publish.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/gcps/home/gcpstv/videos/news/inFive/215256561>  
Brand new Focus Moment highlighting all schools  
<https://vimeo.com/user46454947/review/215674586/6900fefaf3>

### **Other Items**

- I have updated the attached teacher openings, new this week:
  - Oconee County High School in Watkinsville, GA announces openings for 1 full time French and 1 full time Latin positions. Oconee County is a top achieving, highly rated school system. Great students, supportive faculty and administrators. Next door to University of Georgia.
  - Otis J. Brock, III Elementary School in Savannah, Georgia (<http://internet.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us/schools/bes/default.aspx>) is looking for an elementary Latin teacher. Brock Elementary is currently a "turnaround" school and we will run on an extended school year (220 days with 206 days for students). In addition to supplementary income for a longer school year, Latin teachers are eligible for a \$2000 sign-on bonus and \$1500 teacher relocation supplement. We are looking for a teacher with an active and engaging teaching style to work with students in grades 1-5. Students will learn Latin daily for 45-minute periods for 4-5 weeks. We want the Latin teacher to foster a love for language learning and be willing to collaborate with grade-level teams. Interested candidates should apply at [www.teachsavannah.com](http://www.teachsavannah.com). For additional information, contact Dr. Mark Linsky (World Languages Specialist) at [Mark.Linsky@sccpps.com](mailto:Mark.Linsky@sccpps.com).
  - Effingham County High School- Full time Spanish position open for the 17-18 school year. Effingham County is located only 30 miles from the City of Savannah and 45 minutes from the beaches of coastal Georgia. Please contact the principal -- Billy Hughes - [bhughes@effingham.k12.ga.us](mailto:bhughes@effingham.k12.ga.us) or Secretary Gina Bland - [gbland@effingham.k12.ga.us](mailto:gbland@effingham.k12.ga.us) 912-754-6404, x. 1246

- The AATG celebrated its annual awards ceremony last Sunday at Georgia Tech! What a great event for German programs in Georgia. If your German program is not already involved in the AATG exam, I would encourage you to do so next year. The process for registration and payment of exams is simple and the test itself is online and requires around two hours for students to complete. I would also like to encourage German teachers to find out more information about the DSD statewide and questions over that program can be directed to Mr. Michael Goettert, who oversees this program in Georgia. He may be contacted at [atlanta@auslandsschulwesen.de](mailto:atlanta@auslandsschulwesen.de)
- The Third annual Atlanta German Business and Education Summit is scheduled to take place at the Goethe-Zentrum on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:30am – 9:30am. More information on registration and the Agenda of the event will be forthcoming. State School Superintendent, Mr. Richard Woods, will be a speaker at the event.
- I would likewise take a moment to encourage all language teachers to become involved in their professional organizations. Whether it is AATSP, AATF, AATG, GCA, GCLE, ACTFL, SCOLT or FLAG. All of these organizations are there to support you and both individually and collectively do much to support language education in Georgia.
- As language teachers, we are interested in literacy and how to enhance literacy for all students! Research continues to show that bilingual education enhances literacy in the native language! It was therefore fitting that the World Language Department was present to help with the sorting of donated books to support literacy in Georgia. While there, I saw numerous books in other languages as well, including Spanish, German, French and Chinese!  
<http://www.cbs46.com/video?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=13322819>
- Now we're moving onto summer and our first ever summer camp! The Goethe-Zentrum is partnering with the Alliance Française to host the first European Studies Summit: A High School Leadership Camp. The purpose of this camp is to encourage cultural exchange and awareness within the greater context of European life. We're focusing on different European countries every day with students engaging in leadership development activities, participating in local field trips and on-site classes (including politics, geography, culture and language), and completing one major group project to be presented the last day of camp. Students will be presented with a certificate of completion on the last day of camp. The countries on the agenda this year include: France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and the Czech Republic. It's taking place July 24-28, 2017, 9:30am – 4:30pm and costs \$375.00 per student. A flyer about the program is also attached.



# European Studies Summit: A High School Leadership Camp



July 24 - 28, 2017, 9:30am - 4:30pm



Join the Alliance Française and Goethe Zentrum for our first annual European Studies Summit, a culturally-enriching leadership camp experience for high school students.

Over the course of five days, students will engage in leadership development activities, participate in local field trips and on-site classes (including politics, geography, culture and language), and complete one major group project to be presented the last day of camp.

**This year's countries include France, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic and Switzerland.**

**Admission: \$350.00 before May 1, 2017, \$375.00 after May 1, 2017.  
(Tuition includes materials and field trips)**

**For more information and to register: [www.tinyurl.com/EuroStudiesSummit](http://www.tinyurl.com/EuroStudiesSummit)**

Alliance Française / Goethe-Zentrum Atlanta | 1197 Peachtree Street NE  
Colony Square, Plaza Level | Atlanta, GA 30361 | (404) 892-2388

- Information on the webpages has been updated so you may notice some changes. Please let me know if you see anything that needs to be changed/updated. I appreciate your feedback and help in keeping all our announcements and links there up to date. If you have an event that you would like listed on the calendar, please send me an email with the date and time.
- I also want to encourage you to investigate the Lead with Languages Campaign started by ACTFL. <http://www.leadwithlanguages.org/> Have you seen their student testimonials page....if not, I encourage you to check it out and maybe share with your students <http://www.leadwithlanguages.org/success-stories/students/>

## **Links to articles that came out this week related to World Language education.**

- Engaging world language students through social media [http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/global\\_learning/2017/05/engaging\\_world\\_language\\_students\\_through\\_social\\_media.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/global_learning/2017/05/engaging_world_language_students_through_social_media.html)
- How long does your world language learning last <http://www.zmescience.com/science/news-science/remembering-foreign-language/>
- Students study abroad without leaving the US <https://www.pri.org/stories/2017-04-24/students-study-abroad-immigrant-families-us>
- Teaching grammar as a concept and in context <http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/subjects/global-competency-world-languages/2017/05/core-practices-teach-grammar-as-a-concept-and-use-it-in-context/>
- The translation academy – a report from Dalton Georgia Public Schools! <http://www.gpb.org/blogs/education-matters/2017/05/08/the-translation-academy?platform=hootsuite>
- Interesting maps on the vast global shipping network around the globe <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/04/shipping-routes->

[map/?utm\\_content=buffer06f29&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://news.jrn.msu.edu/2017/05/growing-number-of-americans-speak-more-than-1-language/)

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Every time I write these I think, this week will be shorter, but then as I really start to put these down in a journal/update form, all the great developments come out! Thank you for your time and I wish you a wonderful Friday and weekend!

Patrick