

Good Morning world language professionals!

It is a pleasure to reach out to all of you again this thanksgiving week with another brief update on world language education in Georgia. At the NCSSFL and ACTFL conferences this past week, I was reminded of all the passion, enthusiasm, expertise, talents, creativity, professionalism, determination and industriousness of the great many individuals nationwide involved in promoting, teaching, supporting and advancing world language education and pedagogy in the USA at all levels and in all areas. As I've said numerous times, we are a team and our Georgia team is a part of a larger team effort pulling on the same rope and in the same direction as our counterparts in states and communities across the nation. You make a difference! This thanksgiving, I again extend to all of you a sincere THANK YOU! Thank you to our WL teachers, who give of their talents, energies and time to make cultures and languages come alive for our students! Thank you to our administrators, who support world language instruction in classrooms and schools across the state! Thank you to our WL district coordinators, who work to ensure that our teachers and students are supported in their districts and who likewise, provide support and advice to us at the state level! Thank you to our parents and students who support and engage in world language learning at all levels! Thank you to our Superintendents and the Georgia Department of Education staff and leadership for the support they provide to world language education in Georgia! Thank you to our cultural partners and consulates in the state from a host of nations and representing a large variety of languages and cultures for the support and encouragement they provide our teachers, administrators and students! Thank you to our world language university and college communities and partners within the state that like us in K-12, strive to open the doors to other languages and cultures and prepare students to enter the global workforce! Thank you to our professional language organizations at all levels who seek to provide opportunities for our world language professionals to come together to learn from each other as well as advocate on our behalf. Thank you to our sister agencies across the state who recognize the importance of language education and are aware of the real benefits that are derived through the study of other languages and cultures. Thank you to all the language businesses and language organizations that seek to benefit our language instruction and support programs with platforms, materials and methods to enhance world language instruction. Thank you to our business communities at the local, regional and state levels that likewise, recognize the value that world language education provides and support our efforts to create a more global ready workforce for Georgia both now and in the future.



As I said, we have much to be thankful for. As you reflect on who you are thankful for as individuals, remember to share your thankfulness with them. Sincere gratitude is very often a welcome gift.

"No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude." Alfred North Whitehead

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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

Quick Announcements!

- **Deadline for ISDS School applications is Dec 15th!** Applications are now available for the **International Skills Diploma Seal program**. Schools that are interested can find out more information [here](#). A link to the school application is also available on that page or contact me directly at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us **(We have recently completed a new guidance at a glance document for the International Skills Diploma Seal! You can access it [here!](#))**
- **Deadline to submit proposals for DLI in a Day is Nov 27th!** We are excited to bring you a mid-year DLI workshop and professional development opportunity. The GLOBE Academy in Dekalb will host a half-day long DLI workshop for teachers, administrators and those interested in learning more about DLI. There is no cost and you can register [here](#). We will be accepting session proposals [here](#) until November 27th. Get repowered and recharged!
- Due to the increasing world language enrollment throughout the state of Georgia in K-12, the growing popularity of Dual Language Immersion Programs, the upcoming revision of the Georgia World Language Courses and Standards K-12, The need to be proactive in world language teacher recruitment, training and retention, the growing diversity of Georgia's School communities, the increasing need to coordinate with higher education to facilitate the movement of students beyond K-12, and the growing realization economically, strategically, linguistically and culturally of the importance of world language programs in supporting the development of global competencies for Georgia's current and future workforce, it is necessary for us to establish a

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statewide institute to facilitate the coordination and development of world language structures and programs to support K-12 World Language Education in Georgia. This year we will be inviting all world language district coordinators to join us in Savannah for the inaugural event.

- Since the launch of @gadoeworldlang Twitter page in January of this year, we have supported world language education in Ga and nationwide with over 2,600 tweets and 5,497 likes. Our twitter handle has expanded to 685 followers (70 new followers in November)



- The new Curriculum and Instruction Newsletter is now available [here!](#) Updates from world languages are on page 3.
- On November 28th, in cooperation with our French Cultural partners - The French Consulate in Atlanta and the Alliance Française d'Atlanta, we are pleased to offer a webinar exploring opportunities for French students and teachers! We invite you to join us as we share and discuss how we can best support your work in the classrooms. You can register for the webinar via this [link](#).
- **Do you know about America's Language Resource Centers?** Find out more by visiting this website [portal!](#) They are wonderful partners in language education and have great resources for language teachers!
- **Georgia World Language Educator of the Month.** In cooperation with the WL advisory committee, we have recently changed the format for the World Language Educator of the Month program and will implement selections in the coming new year under this revision. The [nomination page](#) has been redone to reflect these changes. These revisions will provide more built in structure to the program and help to further ensure equity and fairness in scoring these nominations. We are proud to be innovating in this way to recognize the excellent work that our WL teachers do and to support students, schools and districts statewide. I want to encourage you to nominate your colleagues for this recognition.
- **The FLAG (Foreign language Association of Georgia) Fall newsletter** is now available. You can view it [here](#).

- **The Latest addition of SCOLTalk** is now available. You can view it [here](#).
- Congratulations to Mrs. Ying Jen, a Chinese teacher from California, who was recently named as [ACTFL's National Language Teacher of the Year](#) and becomes the first Chinese teacher to represent ACTFL as National Teacher of the Year.
- Teachers, please check out the scholarship opportunities from SCOLT! They are listed [here](#).
- Be sure to check out [ACTFL's Educators Rising Campaign to](#) raise awareness to the critical need nationwide for world language teacher recruitment.
- Are you interested in submitting a proposal for next year's ACTFL in New Orleans? Here is the [link](#) to do so!
- The public diplomacy campaign "[Deutschlandjahr](#)" (Year of Germany) is coming! Starting in October 2018, Germany and its deep ties with the U.S. will be on display all around America. Help us celebrate by submitting ideas for projects that showcase our countries' partnership in the areas of culture, education, science, and business. Proposals are due by January 20, 2018.
- Save the dates for your students to participate in the FLAG Spoken Language Contests! You can find out more about these events [here](#). Deadline is January 15, 2017.
- **[NCSSFL-ACTFL releases revised Can-do Proficiency statements!](#)** See them [here](#)!
- The CIEE Global Navigator Study Abroad Program is offering scholarships for High School students to study abroad this coming summer. More information can be found at their [website](#)! Deadline is December 1st.
- DYK that the CIA, DIA, FBI, NSA, DLI and NLSC are all actively seeking applicants with language skills? [The FLIP program](#) provides extra pay for individuals with language skills (up to 17,000 extra per year per language!) This comes in addition to signing bonuses up to \$5,000 for critical languages. Just another example of the growing need for language skills in yet another sector of Government!
- On Feb 9th, 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

- Have you heard of the [America The Bilingual?](#) A series of podcasts centered around themes of Bilingualism hosted by Steve Leveen. Our favorite is the podcast on the [Seal of Biliteracy!](#)
- **The AATSP** is offering teachers a scholarship to spend some of summer 2018 in Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Spain, or Ecuador! Application deadline is Dec 31, 2017. Complete information at <https://buff.ly/2yyvjZy>
- The date of **Georgia's** (and the nation's) first statewide **World Language Job Fair** has been set for Saturday, March 3rd 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](#).
- **Save the Dates! February 9-11, 2018. AATSP Spanish Immersion Camp! More information at this [link](#).**
- The **GAOME Dual Language Symposium**, scheduled march 9-10th 2018 in Athens is now accepting proposals. You can submit 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](#).
- Applications are now being accepted for the Congress-Bundestag Exchange Program (CBYX) Please visit [this site](#) for more details!
- **Upcoming World Language Event dates to be aware of.....**

November 27 th	Deadline to submit proposal for DLI in a Day Workshop
November 28 th	Webinar – Exploring Opportunities French in Georgia for
November 29 th	International Night at South Forsyth HS. (A model for your community?)
November 30 th	Deadline to submit proposals for GAOME DL Symposium
December 1 st	Deadline for German students to apply for DSD Deadline for Students to apply for CIEE Global Navigator Scholarships
December 5 th	Deadline to apply for YES program for HS students
December 8 th	Deadline for registering for the State German Convention
December 12 th	Deadline for student applications for CBYX Scholarship
December 15 th	Deadline for Schools to apply to offer International Skills Diploma Seal

	Deadline to register students for the January administration of the AATG German Exams (levels 2-4) Award of Excellence 2017 (German) Application deadline.
December 31 st	Deadline to apply for AATSP Summer Scholarship for Teachers
January 15 th	Deadline for teacher applications for SCOLT Scholarships
January 21 st	AATG Sprachbad
January 27 th	DLI in a Day at the Globe Academy in Dekalb
February 1 st	Schools notified of application status to offer ISDS
February 2-3	German State Convention in Covington
February 9 th	Focus on ACTFL's Proficiency Guidelines and the Revised Can-Do Performance Indicators (Middle Georgia Workshop)
February 9-11	AATSP Immersion Camp
March 3 rd	Georgia World Language Job Fair at Whitewater High School 9am – 12pm. FLES/MS/HS FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Savannah Area)
March 8-9	Georgia World Language Leadership Institute
March 9-10	GAOME Dual Language Symposium in Athens
March 15-17 2018	FLAG/SCOLT conference in Atlanta
March 20 th	International Day at the Capitol
March 24 th	MS/HS FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Metro Area)
April 14 th	MS/HS FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Albany Area)
April 15 th	Deadline for reporting of International Skills Diploma Seal
April 24 th	Tentative date for ISDS Awards Ceremony at the DOE
April 28 th	FLES FLAG Spoken Language Contest (Metro Area)
July 17-19	Georgia Dual Language Immersion Institute
May 1 st	Deadline for 1 st reporting cycle for the Seal of Biliteracy

- 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.

Scholarship Opportunities for K-12 students

- Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad (YES) Program for High School Students. More information [here](#). Deadline to apply is December 5th
- Congress Bundestag Exchange Scholarship available for German students. Application and more information available [here](#). Deadline to apply is Dec 15th.

Useful links for Language Teachers

- Wheel of decision <https://wclassroom.com/2014/08/31/online-intercative-speaking-and-writing-activity-for-foreign-language-practice/>
- Resource for French teachers. <https://www.ifprofs.org/>

- Strategies for students with scattered minds https://www.edutopia.org/blog/strategies-students-scattered-minds-donna-wilson-marcus-conyers?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=socialflow

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Related local news

- Article on the work of Mrs. Hutsell, French teacher and Dept chair at Peachtree Ridge High School <http://lovegwinnett.com/2017/11/01/everyday-heroes-how-teachers-change-lives/>
- Woodville Tompkins High School hosts first international festival. <http://wsav.com/2017/11/16/woodville-tompkins-high-hosts-first-international-festival/>
- Globe Academy DLI program is featured in video by KSU journalism students. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMybN9fg7CY>
- Rail and Gate Expansion projects move forward at the Port (on the heels of all time record growth for October) <http://www.gaports.com/media/pressreleases.aspx?articleid=150&artmid=3569>

Links to articles related to World Language education.

- Bilingual Education Bill in Massachusetts http://www.masslive.com/politics/index.ssf/2017/11/bilingual_education_bill_would.html
- DOK is not a verb and not Bloom's taxonomy in a circle. <https://theteachablemoments.wordpress.com/2012/03/08/dok-is-not-a-verb-and-it-is-not-blooms-taxonomy-in-a-circle/>
- Where do your students go to study abroad? https://www.forbes.com/forbes/welcome/?toURL=https://www.forbes.com/sites/niallmcCarthy/2017/11/13/europe-is-the-top-choice-for-u-s-international-students-infographic/&utm_content=buffer7541a&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer&refURL=https://www.facebook.com/&referrer=https://www.facebook.com/
- Grass Roots and Dual Language Immersion. Myth or reality? <https://duallanguageschools.org/post/grass-roots-and-dual-language-immersion-myth-or-reality>
- Which FLs will be most important following Brexit <https://www.britishcouncil.org/voices-magazine/which-foreign-languages-will-be-most-important-uk-post-brexit>
- Bilingual program helps parents teach kids academic skills http://standardspeaker.com/news/bilingual-program-helps-parents-teach-kids-academic-skills-1.2270067?utm_content=buffer58280&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

- 10 reasons why your bilingual child has an advantage at school
<https://multilingualparenting.com/2017/11/15/10-reasons-why-your-bilingual-child-has-an-advantage-at-school/>
- Teaching your bilingual child to read in the minority language
<https://bilingualkidspot.com/2016/08/23/teach-your-child-to-read-minority-language/>
- The cost of England's failure to learn foreign languages
<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/nov/06/the-cost-of-britons-failure-to-learn-foreign-languages>
- Gaining an employment edge. The impact of study abroad on your career
<https://www.iie.org/Research-and-Insights/Publications/Gaining-an-Employment-Edge---The-Impact-of-Study-Abroad>
- Mandatory language classes for students in western Australia
<https://amp.abc.net.au/article/9167940>
- Benefits of AP Language Courses
<https://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/college-admissions-playbook/articles/2017-11-13/reap-the-benefits-of-ap-language-courses>

Thank you for all that you do!

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