

Deputy Superintendent Updates

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GADOE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Happy New Year! As we enter 2020, we are preparing for legislators to return to Atlanta to do the work of the state. During listening sessions in the fall, Governor Brian Kemp and State School Superintendent Richard Woods heard from educators all around the state about what we can do to better serve students.

- Read about the [Listening Sessions](#).

As a result of these listening sessions, the Georgia Department of Education has a list of [Legislative Priorities](#) for 2020. Read the list to learn about our values.

U.S. CENSUS GEORGIA INSIGHTS

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for teacher ambassadors to join the Statistics in Schools Ambassador Program. Are you a Pre-K through 12th-grade teacher or know someone who is?

For more information and how to apply to represent your school and community on a national scale

- Email: CLMSO.SISambassador@census.gov

GEORGIA INSIGHTS UPDATES

[Georgiainsights.com](#) provides data visualizations to inform decision-making. [The Georgia Insights Literacy Dashboard](#) has been updated with 2019 data.

L4GA PROPOSALS DUE FEBRUARY 10

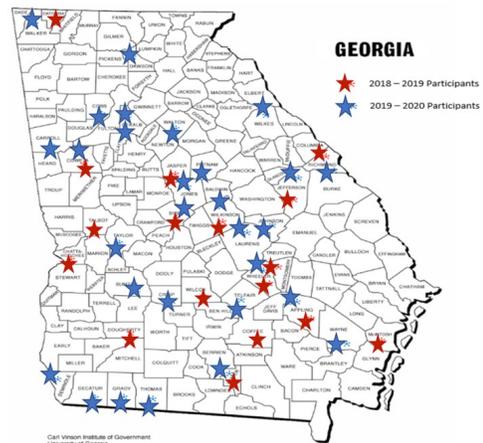
The Georgia Department of Education has been awarded nearly \$179+M to support literacy efforts in the state's K-12 public schools through the federal Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant. 95% of these funds will be distributed through competitive grants to local education agencies. Even if your LEA did not submit a letter of interest, you can still apply by the deadline,

- Visit [L4GA webpage](#)

The left column has links to grant competition and application support materials. To talk to someone about your application, please use the Calendly Scheduler link on the right side of the L4GA webpage.

State Board of Education Updates

RURAL GIFTED ENDORSEMENT IN GEORGIA



The State Board of Education authorized an increase in the total amount of a contract using Title IVA funds. The funds will be used to add two additional classes in areas of rural Georgia that will result in 60 teachers to complete their Gifted Endorsement.

- Increase the number of students who can access and complete advanced classwork
- Improve the college readiness of all students
- Provide proven professional development and training to enhance teacher skills and strategies

For more information about the department's rural outreach efforts in the area of gifted education,

Contact: [Gail Humble](#)

Director Updates

Contact: [Justin Hill](#)

GROWING NUMBERS OF GEORGIA TEACHERS ACHIEVE COMPUTER SCIENCE CREDENTIALS

Thanks to our new Computer Science CS standards and legislation, we are seeing record numbers of teachers achieving a computer science credential. The Georgia Professional Standards Commission has established standards for a pre-service teaching credential through a course of undergraduate study, an in-service teaching add-on credential with a GACE exam, and an in-service teaching endorsement through approved programs of study. The last is currently offered at six institutions: three universities and 3 RESAs

- [See the list here.](#)

In 2016, only 33 teachers added a Computer Science credential to their teaching certificate. The latest number of credentialed Computer Science teachers is now 378. If you know a teacher interested in teaching computer science in Georgia direct them to our DOE website ([here](#)).

GPB EDUCATION

It's time to sharpen those pencils and get creative! The 2020 PBS Kids Writers Contest is open to Georgia students in grades K-3. The deadline to enter is March 20.

- For more information visit [PBS Kids Writers Contest](#)



GALILEO

GALILEO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: LIBRARIES WITHOUT BARRIERS

Date: **June 18**

Location: Macon - Robert F. Hatcher Sr. Conference Center

This year we are celebrating 25 years of GALILEO with the theme "Libraries Without Barriers." A central part of the GALILEO mission is to provide equitable access to high-quality resources for all Georgians, including persons with disabilities. Here's a great opportunity to network with colleagues across the state.

For conference details and session proposals

- Visit [GALILEO](#)

Contact: [Joy Woodson](#)

AFJROTC

NEW! 4TH SCIENCE OPTION

We are excited to announce an additional 4th Science course that will meet graduation requirements!

Georgia's Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC) **Flight Science** (28.01940xx) course has been approved as an additional 4th science option for the current 2020 school year. The Georgia Standards of Excellence for the Air Force Junior ROTC curriculum are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to "develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their community and nation."

Contact: [Molly Ream](#)

English Language Arts and Literacy

GCTE 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Date: **January 30 – February 1**

Location: Jekyll Island Convention Center

Registration is still open for the [Georgia Council of Teachers of English \(GCTE\) 2020 conference](#)

The theme of the conference is: Person, Place, . . .or Thing: Student Identity and Agency in the ELA Classroom.

NCTE: AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

Since 1990, districts and schools have joined the [National Council of Teachers of English's \(NCTE\) African American Read-In](#) by hosting their own events throughout the nation.

The events take on many different looks, but the one thing they have in common is their celebration of African American authors. Join the [events](#) for the following:

- Live Streaming Events
- Webinars
- Activities
- Lesson Plans
- Free Digital Portfolios

SUMMER LITERACY MINI-GRANT

Deadline: **Friday, January 24 at 5:00pm**

Calling all media specialists in rural districts! The Georgia Department of Education's Curriculum and Instruction Division, in collaboration with the Title IV, Part A Student Support and Academic Enrichment program office, is pleased to announce the release of a Request for Application (RFA) for the Competitive Summer Literacy Mini-Grant.

The purpose of the Summer Literacy Mini-Grant is to assist media specialists in rural schools and districts in creating, developing, and implementing summer learning initiatives that support literacy education and improve student outcomes in English Language Arts & Literacy.

A list of eligible districts is included in Appendix F of the RFA. Eligible districts can apply for the Competitive Summer Literacy Mini-Grant [here](#).

- For grant and RFA questions,
Email: summerlitgrant@doe.k12.ga.us.

Contact: [Anisha Donald](#)

African American Read-In Challenge

The Black Caucus of NCTE has been promoting the AARI since 1990. Districts and schools have joined in this effort by hosting their own events each year throughout the nation.

The events take on many different looks, but the one thing they have in common is their celebration of African American authors.



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"It is important for all of us to see ourselves in books."

Dr. Jerrie Cobb Scott, Founder of the National African American Read-In

Coming Soon!

Georgia Featured Author and Calendar of Events!



If you would like to find out more about the African American Read In, please go to www.2.ncte.org, click **Events**, scroll to 

For Additional information, please contact GA AARI organizers at tflowers@gsu.edu.



Calling All Media Specialists in Rural Districts

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Summer Literacy Mini-Grant



Mathematics

2020 GSE MATHEMATICS STANDARDS REVIEW

The 2020 Mathematics Standards Review process is well underway! More than 200 mathematics teachers and teacher leaders on the Teacher Working Committees have concluded their first session of analyzing and refining mathematics grade-level and course standards. They are now gearing up to continue the work of reviewing and revising the Georgia Standards of Excellence during the second session in late February.

They have listened to many voices, including the Stakeholder Survey respondents and the Citizens Review Committee conducted at the request of Governor Kemp and Superintendent Woods, to ensure that parents' and community members' voices are part of the thought-leadership in designing new and improved standards to continuously improve student outcomes in Georgia.

Find more details about the standards review process

- Visit [Math and ELA Standards Process](#)

GEORGIA NUMERACY PROJECT



The Georgia Department of Education has released a video, [Georgia Numeracy Project Infomercial](#), that you can share in your school. The video is part of The Georgia Numeracy Project.

The Georgia Numeracy Project is a free intervention and numeracy-development resource available for Georgia's educators to use to help students develop a solid foundation in numeracy with a focus on strategy-based computation and problem-solving.

Contact: [Lya Snell](#)

Innovative Programs and Research

NOW OPEN! 2020 PAEMST NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Nominations and applications for K-6 teachers are now open for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

The PAEMST is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government for K-12 STEAM and computer science teaching. The award, established by the U.S. Congress in 1983, recognizes teachers with deep content knowledge in mathematics and science. This year's awards will honor K-6 grade teachers. Nominations close on **March 1, 2020**.

- [Register for PAEMST](#)

Science Contact: [Juan-Carlos Aguilar](#) **Math Contact:** [Brooke Kline](#)

Social Studies

HOW IS YOUR SOCIAL STUDIES VISION?

How is your social studies vision? Are you 20/20? We can help!

If you missed the Leadership Webinar "Social Studies Vision Check: Are you 20/20?" we provided updates on new professional learning opportunities and brainstormed innovative possibilities.

- View the [webinar](#).

Please visit our Leadership community on [EdWEB](#) to share your questions, concerns, and ideas.

- View the [PLC](#)

Contact: [Joy Hatcher](#)

World Languages and Global Workforce Initiative

DON'T MISS THE THIRD ANNUAL STATEWIDE BILINGUAL WORLD LANGUAGE JOB FAIR

Date: Saturday, February 8

Location: North Atlanta High School

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Calling all bilingual

Calling all bilingual or second language-proficient job seekers! Georgia's statewide World Language Bilingual Job Fair is coming in February. This unique opportunity is a way for school systems to connect with certification professionals. There are no fees to register.

- [Job Fair](#)

GLOBAL WORKFORCE & INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

GaDOE World Languages is proud to announce a new webpage, [Georgia Global Workforce & International Education Resources](#). The new site provides resources and links to world language educators and others who are seeking information on Georgia's global footprint.

Contact: [Patrick Wallace](#)

Fine Arts

FINE ARTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

The Georgia Department of Education's Curriculum and Instruction Department now provides staff development for Fine Arts educators across the state. Search the catalogue to find a course that's right for you.

- [The 2019-2020 GaDOE Fine Arts Professional Development Catalogue](#)

Metro RESA, Chattahoochee/Flint RESA, Griffin RESA, Coastal Plains RESA, Henry County, Muscogee County, and Brooks County are already making the most of these courses. Georgia arts teachers receive subject-specific staff development as required by ESSA in order to provide a whole-child education for our students.

To book these staff development workshops email us, and let us know the desired days and courses. The courses can only be booked by GaDOE RESAs and school districts.

Contact: [Jessica Booth](#)



Jimmy Carter National Historic Site

UPDATES

December was a busy month at the JCNHS. Students in grades K-8 participated in Language and Visual Arts activities as they stepped back in time to experience Christmas in the 1930s. Students visiting President Carter's boyhood farm listened to stories about his childhood and made depression-era Christmas ornaments to share with their families. In other news, we still have spots available for spring 2020 field trips. Standards-based programs are available for all grade levels (Pre-K-12th). Field trips are FREE. There is no admission fee to the site and transportation costs for school buses are covered.

- Please visit www.jimmycartereducation.org for more information.

Contact: [Marle Usry](#)

Nutrition

I HEART GEORGIA MILK DAY FEBRUARY 14

Want to show the dairy farmers of Georgia that they MILK a difference? This February let our Georgia Farmers know how DAIRY much they are appreciated.

Students around Georgia are encouraged to write letters and draw pictures thanking farmers for the work they do for our communities. Students can tell the farmers how much they love milk. Then, take a picture of the work and students drinking milk at school. Post them using #FuelingGa and share with fuelingga@gadoe.org.

Farmers are the HEART of Georgia. To connect with a farm or farmer in your area, email srhodes@thedairyalliance.com

Dairy fun activities and lessons your students will love can be found:

- [Dairy Alliance](#)

Georgia Virtual School

OPENSALT UPDATE

Looking for a machine-readable version of the Georgia Standards of Excellence for your school's LMS? How about a digital copy of the GaDOE course codes for your Student Information System? The Teaching and Learning department provides official copies of these in a machine-readable version called CASE. The GSEs are FREE for your district to use.

Currently, all academic standards (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, etc.) are available. We are also nearing completion of the CTAE standards and are working to complete them by mid-Feb.

- Browse [CASE Competency Frameworks](#) to find these standards.

Contact: [Keith Osburn](#)

SPRING 2020 ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!



Do you have a student with a course requirement needed for spring graduation? Trying to find a solution for a student schedule that just won't work at the local school?

Don't make your students wait until next school year to take required courses; partner with Georgia Virtual School to meet the educational needs of your students. Georgia Virtual School will be enrolling students for Spring semester through **February 13**.

- [Visit GaVS Spring Course Offerings](#)

Contact: [Margaret Thomas](#)

Teacher and Leader Support and Development

TLSD Updates

2018-19 SGP AND MGP ROSTERS

2019 Student Growth Percentiles (SGP) and Marginal Growth Percentiles (MGP) Rosters are available on the TLSD Electronic Platform.

If you have superintendent rights, then you are able to retrieve the rosters by doing the following:

- Click on the 'Reports' tab in the TLSD Electronic Platform.
- Click the TEM/LEM Rosters and SGP/MGP Reports tab on the left side of the screen.

Select a school year on the dropdown menu. The rosters and FAQ document are posted there.

Contact: [Melinda Moe](#)

Contact: [Keisla Tisdell](#)

College Readiness & Talent Development

WINTER NEW GIFTED COORDINATORS' COHORT MEETINGS

If you are a gifted coordinator with five years (or less) of experience in this role, please choose to attend one of the two locations for our first meetings of 2020:

Date: **Monday, February 24**

Location: Jackson County's Teaching and Learning Center, 441 Gordon St., Jefferson, GA

Date: **Thursday, February 27**

Location: Heart of Georgia RESA, 717 Smith St., Dublin, GA 31021



- [Register](#) here.

New gifted coordinators, please notify us by email.

Contact: [Mary Jean Banter](#)

CENSUS GEORGIA INDUCTION PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERIES

The East P-20 Induction Collaborative (Augusta University, Paine College, CSRA RESA, GaDOE/TLSD, GaPSC and the CSRA school districts) recently designed and is currently piloting a Professional Learning Series to support induction phase teachers and their mentors with the support of [The CEEDAR Center](#). This work will be shared at the upcoming 22nd New Teacher Center Induction Symposium in Feb.

About the Learning Series:

Seven series professional learning highlights Georgia's Tiered System of Supports and High-Leverage Practices (HLPs).

This series will provide opportunities for induction phase teachers to learn and practice strategies for implementing HLPs within Georgia's Tiered System of Supports. Content is aligned with Georgia's Teacher Assessment on Performance Standards (TAPS). Materials are all free and can be personalized to meet district needs. Materials can be assessed [online](#).

- [Teacher and Leader Induction Guidance](#)

Contact: [Karen Wyler](#)

JANUARY IS GIFTED EDUCATION MONTH

Please celebrate and support Georgia's gifted education programs as they strive to better meet the needs of our gifted and high ability learners.

For more information about gifted education:

- Visit [Georgia Association for Gifted Children](#)
- Visit [National Association of Gifted Children](#)

Contact: [Martha Smith](#)