Deputy Superintendent Updates: Teaching and Learning
Contact: Caitlin McMunn Dooley

2019-2021 ANNUAL REPORT FROM GaDOE'S TEACHING & LEARNING TEAM

Teaching and Learning is getting better in Georgia! Like many of you who are leading Georgia’s schools, GaDOE’s Teaching and Learning team is dedicated to continuous improvement. We conduct an annual review of data, in addition to looking at progress across the year, to take stock.

- You can read the Teaching and Learning Annual Report here.

Note that this report is for the past two years because at this time last year we were elbow-deep reacting to the pandemic. Thus, this two-year glance backward provides a snapshot of how we measure our service and support for schools.

I also want to note that our work is never done alone. Many of the successes demonstrated by our improving metrics are due to the hard work of educators and students across the state. As many of you may have heard me say, “Your success is our success!” I hope ours is yours as well.

I welcome feedback and recommendations.

LITERACY FOR LEARNING, LIVING, AND LEADING IN GEORGIA (L4GA) GRANTS AWARDED (AGAIN)!

L4GA continues to be successful not only in raising scores but also in raising hope. The L4GA statewide literacy work started in 2015 and continues to support student learning through evidence-based instructional supports and community partnerships. This plan has attracted several competitive federal grants—dollars that go out to our schools!

Note that this year’s grant competition was exceptionally competitive. The plans submitted get better and better; strategies get stronger; and the logical thread that ties evidence-based practices to expected results is getting tighter. What was most notable was that our cadre of external reviewers believed these plans were all of high quality!

I offer the L4GA Strategic Plan to any leader who wants to improve student literacy outcomes: please look at the L4GA webpage.
State Board of Education Updates
The Georgia State Board of Education adopted four new Computer Science Courses and one CTAE Pathway during the May board meeting. Data Science I and II, Esports, Introduction to Python Programming, and an Artificial Intelligence CTAE Pathway expand offerings for high school students in this dynamic discipline.

Associate Superintendent Updates: Standards, Instruction and School Climate
Contact: Justin Hill

GACIS/GaDOE 10-PART WEBINAR SERIES
Date: May 26
Time: 10 a.m.

Join us for Part IV of the GACIS/GaDOE 10-Part Series, Addressing Accelerated Learning. Steve Goodman, Ph.D., Director, Michigan's MTSS Technical Assistance Center will discuss Integrating Instructional Supports in the Classroom. This is the second of the Back to Classroom Basics section of the series.

Upcoming Webinar:

• Part IV: May 26, Back to the Classroom Basics 2: Integrating Instructional Supports in the Classroom
  Steve Goodman, Ph.D., Director, Michigan's MTSS Technical Assistance Center

GACIS/GaDOE C&I 10-PART WEBINAR SERIES RECORDINGS
The webinar recordings are available on GaDOE's Curriculum, Instruction, and Climate webpage. Here are a few that you may have missed:

• Part I Recording: April 14, Evidence Based Strategies for Improving Learning, Caitlin McMunn Dooley, Ph.D., Georgia Department of Education
• Part II Recording: April 29, Evidence Based Strategies for Improving Learning, Kate Landes, Director, Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN)
• Part III: May 11, Back to the Classroom Basics 1: Supporting Social Emotional Behaviors in the Classroom Brandi Simonson, Ph.D., Co-Director, Center for Behavioral Education & Research, University of Connecticut

For more information view listings here.

If you would like a calendar invitation to the series, please email Meghan Welch, Ph.D.

Contact: Meghan Welch

GEORGIA HOME CLASSROOM GETS READY FOR SUMMER

Our Standards, Instruction, and School Climate team continues to add Georgia-grown content to the Georgia Home Classroom. The Getting Ready Guides will be updated this month by adding Fine Arts and Nutrition for grades K-3 and posting complete Guides (all content areas) for grades 4th and 5th. Short videos from Georgia teachers will also be posted to accompany the Guides. Please share these practical resources with adults working with elementary students this summer. We now have close to 250 K-12 Remote Learning Plans across all content areas with new Mathematics and Social Studies plans just released! We also have new Let's Learn GA! Videos in Science and Classroom Climate to support teachers and families.

Are you a Georgia public school teacher with a great video lesson you would like to share? Participating teachers will receive a stipend for accepted videos.

• Visit Create a Video Lesson for LLG
Resources for Computer Science

VIRTUAL COMPUTER SCIENCE SUMMIT

Date: June 21-23

The Constellations Center for Equity in Computing is hosting a virtual computer science (CS) PD summit for K-16 educators. This virtual summit is focused on increasing knowledge and action to:

- broaden participation in CS education and continue developing and supporting K-12 CS teachers
- share research efforts and findings, and discuss inclusive and culturally responsive CS resources and strategies
- build community with K-16 CS educators

The summit is in collaboration with GaDOE, Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA), and Computer Science for Georgia (CS4GA). Moderators will emphasize how CS education can equip the next generation of students to address a wide variety of complex problems in the world.

- The recorded videos from last year’s summit are available [here](#).

Resources for World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives

2021 DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The Georgia Department of Education World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives in partnership with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education is pleased to announce this year’s recipients of an annual Georgia Dual Language Immersion Competitive Grant to support Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Programs in Georgia. Congratulations to the following elementary schools (ES): Westwood ES in Dalton, Hollydale and Dowell ES in Cobb County, Mashburn ES in Forsyth and Anniston ES in Gwinnett county!

To learn more about World Language and Global Initiatives, join our GaDOE World Language Community Online!

COMPUTER SCIENCE IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP

Date: June 23

In collaboration with the CS4GA Collective and the Constellation Center for Equity in Computing, the Georgia DOE is hosting its next Computer Science Implementation Workshop for district teams on June 23. This workshop will immerse teachers, district leaders and administrators into the world of computer science. We will explore the importance of computer science and the benefits of adding it to our education system.

The workshop will address the challenges and successful practices for implementing Computer Science as a new K-12 discipline. Takeaways include strategies for building CS teacher capacity and an actionable plan for implementing CS into your schools. The plan will support the 2019 Senate Bill 108 (SB 108) that established the requirement for all middle and high school to offer computer science by 2025.

- Visit GaDOE Computer Science for more information.
- Register [here](#).

Contact: Bryan Cox
Resources for English Language Arts
2021 VIRTUAL SUMMER LITERACY CONFERENCE: LITERACY & THE WHOLE CHILD

Day: July 27—birth to 5
Day: July 28—K-5
Day: July 29—6-12

GaDOE English Language Arts (ELA) and Literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading for Georgia (L4GA) are excited to host the 2021 Virtual Summer Literacy Conference: Literacy & the Whole Child. This year’s conference is free of charge for all Georgia educators and is organized by grade-band across three days. To provide districts and teachers with maximum flexibility as they gear up for a new school year, participants will be invited to choose their own conference adventure by selecting from a variety of pre-recorded and live session types (including presentations, panels, and discussion groups) to build a schedule that fits their unique needs and interests.

The conference will be hosted in GaDOE Community. Join our 2021 Summer Literacy Conference group right away.

- Use this link to join now!
- GaDOE 2021 Summer Literacy Conference Registration Instructions.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED! YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS

The Georgia Language Arts Supervisors and Georgia RESA Network announce the state-level winners of the 2019-2020 Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition. Congratulations!

- View the talented writers and their teachers here!

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

We have compiled a guide of learning activities and digital resources to continue and reinforce learning over the summer. Parents and guardians can use this guide to promote quality screen time practices when students are online continuing their studies, playing games, or socializing with friends and family. We know how important the continuation of learning during the summer is to all students and we hope these resources help make summer learning fun and engaging. Use these resources at home, on the go, or at your local public library!

- Visit the newly released ELA Summer Resource Guide.

Contact: Breanne Huston

Resources for Health & Physical Education

HEALTH EDUCATION: GEORGIA STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Georgia Standards of Excellence for Health Education were approved on March 25 by the State Board of Education. The use of the revised GSE for Health Education is voluntary for the 2021-2022 school year. Full implementation begins in the 2022-2023 school year. To learn more:

- Visit GaDOE Health and Physical Education

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: FITNESS AWARD

Would you like to recognize students who have achieved healthy fitness levels? Access your certificates now! Certificates are provided by Georgia Student Health and Physical Education (SHAPE). Students in grade 4-12 who have participated in FitnessGram and are in healthy fitness zones for all components can be acknowledged with a printed certificate.

- To access certificates, email Therese McGuire.

Contact: Therese McGuire
Resources for Fine Arts

UPCOMING GEORGIA THEATRE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Date: June 8-9

The Alliance Theatre Educator Conference will occur virtually. This event is designed to serve educators of all grade levels (Pre-K through Grade 12) and all content areas.

We will explore Performing Arts Instruction (Theater, Dance/Movement, Dramatic Writing), Arts Integration, STEAM, and Allyship.

- Register here!

Hope to see you there!

GEORGIA THEATRE EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

Date: August 28

Location: Columbus State University

It’s time to break out of our boxes! Announcing a live and in-person opportunity to start the process of rebuilding your theatre programs and skills, together with your colleagues from across the state.

Don’t miss this one day event!

This year, the conference will partner with Columbus State University’s Theatre Department and will hold the event on their River Park Campus using their faculty member as instructors and theatre spaces as our classrooms.

Every workshop will be a unique hands-on experience!

- Register now!

SUMMER FINE ARTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The GaDOE Fine Arts Department has been busy over the 2020-2021 school year developing high-quality and content-specific professional development webinars for all Fine Arts teachers across the state of Georgia. If you have some extra free time over the summer, take a minute to look at the webinars that are currently available! Here are some popular webinars from the past school year that you may be interested in! You will notice recorded webinars in areas of music, theatre, and visual + media art.

- Register for these webinars and more here.

Contact: Jessica Booth
Resources for Mathematics
SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

GaDOE is hosting several pre-conferences and two summer mathematics conferences. These virtual conferences will provide opportunities for principals, assistant principals, instructional coaches, grade level chairs, and department chairs to review and discuss the Georgia mathematics standards, engage in purposeful work to plan for the implementation of the standards, and network with other school leaders from across the state.

Registration provided below:

- Register for Summer Leaders Conference: **June 8-9**
- Register for Summer Teachers Conference: **July 19-22**
- Visit [MATHCON2021](#) for more details.

Contact: [Lya Snell](#)

Resources for Science
RECOVERING & RESTARTING

As you prepare to support and engage students in summer school, extended days, tutoring, and the next school year, explore our newest resource: Guide for Effective Science Instruction for All Students. This document is designed to help teachers meet the needs of all students in the science classroom by providing information on effective instructional practices, examples of formative assessments, progressions of the GSE from kindergarten through high school, and more.

- View [Guide for Effective Science Instruction for All Students](#)

MAKING TIME FOR K-8 SCIENCE

Date: **June 30**

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

You are a thoughtful administrator and leader, and you know science is important. You’ve seen all the headlines about STEM careers, and you want your students to be prepared for them. Yet you are also worried about the impacts of the pandemic on learning. This session is about leveraging science as a literacy builder and taking advantage of students’ natural curiosity to motivate engagement in learning across disciplines.

- [Register now for this course](#)

Contact: [Amanda Buice](#)
Resources for Social Studies

NEW DISTANCE LEARNING RESOURCES

Have you seen our NEW Distance Learning Resources? Each digital lesson has a flexible timeline and crosses over several days. These lessons are intended to reach students, whether plugged or unplugged. They include an instructional design, ideas for differentiation, a student checklist, and resources to support the lesson.

Our NEW lessons include:

- 3rd Grade: Life in the Three Colonial Regions of the United States
- Learning From Artifacts
- 4th Grade: The Lewis and Clark Expedition
- 5th Grade: World War II Debate
- 8th Grade: Geography and Transportation Systems of Georgia
- American Government/Civics: Impeachment
- Economics: The Harmony of Supply and Demand
- World Geography: Population Geography: The “Goldilocks” of Growth

To learn more about our digital resources,

- Visit Georgia Standards of Excellence Individual Grade Pages

THE U.S. HISTORY STUDENT VIDEO DICTIONARY

Social Studies is excited to announce our newest resource to support face-to-face and digital instruction. The U.S. History Student Video Dictionary contains short summary videos for each standard rich with visuals and narration that support students in U.S. History. Although this resource is intended for High School U.S. History, it can be used in multiple grade levels/courses.

- Watch the Social Studies United States History Video Dictionary

VIRTUAL ECONOMIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

#GaDOE Social Studies is partnering with Georgia Council on Economic Education (GCEE) to present a first-of-its-kind, VIRTUAL economic education conference for K-5 teachers. Registration is FREE, and resources, including books, will be given to every LIVE participant.

- Visit GCEE for registration and additional details.

Contact: Joy Hatcher

Resources for STEM/STEAM

SUMMER TEACHER ACADEMY

Dates: Every Thursday in June!

Time: 9 a.m.

Join us online every Thursday in June to learn about STEM/STEM programs in Georgia schools.

- Session One: June 3, Implementing the Engineering Design Process
- Session Two: June 10, Improvisation for 21st Century Thinking
- Session Three: June 17, Community Partnerships in the Classroom
- Session Three: June 24, Implementing Project-Based Learning

CTAE Educators, register for these sessions through CTAERN to receive credit for attending.

Contact: Felicia Cullers
NEW RESOURCES: STEM/STEAM MICRO-TOUR

The Georgia Department of Education STEM/STEAM Micro-Tour professional learning series provides educators and leaders with an overview of STEM/STEAM practices, practices for implementation, and actionable steps to start your STEM/STEAM journey. These professional learning resources were curated specifically for rural schools and districts but are applicable to a state-wide audience.

- To learn more visit STEM/STEAM Micro-Tour

Contact: Felicia Cullars

Resources for Teacher and Leader Support and Development

PILOT FO THE STATE ASSESSIBLE EDUCATION MATERIALS

Georgia educators are working to help develop a coordinated system for providing Assessible Education Materials (AEM) and accessible technologies in classrooms throughout the state.

Through our partnership with the AEM Center, we will exchange resources, share findings, and solving common problems across state teams. Together, we’ll implement evidence-based practices for building statewide and local systems for the effective use of accessible digital materials and technologies for learners who need them.

GaDOE districts participating with us to build solid district-level accessibility are Marietta City Schools, Paulding County Schools, and Tift County Schools. These districts are using the AEM-pilot developed by the National Center for Accessible Materials at CAST to review the basic tenants for providing accessible materials to students with disabilities at the same time as their classmates.

Listed are a few tenants:

- A Coordinated System - The agency has a coordinated system for the provision of appropriate, high-quality accessible materials and technologies for all learners with disabilities who require them.
- Timely Manner - The agency supports the acquisition and provision of appropriate accessible materials and technologies in a timely manner.
- Visit the National Center on Accessible Educational Materials to learn more.

Contact: Carson D. Cochran

Resources for Talent Development

NEW COURSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

The Division of Teacher and Leader Support and Development (TLSD) impacts student achievement by providing programs and resources to enhance teacher and leader effectiveness. Title II, Part A State and TLSD team want to continue support teachers throughout the summer. We have new courses available on the GaDOE Professional Learning platform in SLDS.

- Teacher Keys Effectiveness Performance Standard 1: Professional Knowledge
- Teacher Keys Effectiveness Performance Standard 3: Instructional Strategies
- Teacher Keys Effectiveness Performance Standard 4: Differentiated Instruction
- Teacher Keys Effectiveness Performance Standard 7: Positive Learning Environment
- Teacher Keys Effectiveness Performance Standard 9: Professionalism
- Teacher Keys Effectiveness Performance Standard 10: Communication
- Principal Matters courses are updated/released.
- View PL Catalog Summer 2021.

Contact: Shantlice Wheeler
2021 GA INDUCTION SUMMIT: SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Georgia's first virtual summit is in the books! This month, over 170 participants learned with practitioners across our great state...powerful P-20 partnerships (Districts, IHEs, RESAs, SEAs, and Professional Organizations) and high-quality PL to support Georgia's induction phase educators and their mentors.

Please check out the summit landing page.

- Both keynotes and 24 breakout sessions can be accessed at [2021 GA Induction Summit](#).

FYI, all sessions were recorded, and presentations uploaded by the presenters' bio and picture. Please note, no special login-in is required.

Please contact Dr. Kathy Reese (leader induction) and/ or Dr. Karen Wyler (teacher induction) to assist with your next steps regarding induction support.

**Contact:** Kathy Reese  
**Contact:** Karen Wyler

Resources for Georgia Virtual School

WORLD LANGUAGE AT GAVS

Spring is an exciting time in World Language at GAVS. Students participate in two major events:

- The World Language National Exams
- GAVS World Language Speaking Event

National Exams are sponsored by the various World Language National Associations of Language Educators. This Spring was record breaking in many ways with more students choosing to participate in both events than in past years. A total of 185 students participated in the National Exams and over 150 students chose to participate in the GAVS World Language Speaking Event. As a result, the judges awarded 51 World Language Speaking badges to students in American Sign Language, Chinese, Japanese, German, French, Latin, and Spanish.

Of the 185 students who participated in the National Language Exams, GAVS students won a total of 22 gold awards, 11 silver awards, 10 bronze awards, and 10 honor awards. Students are ranked nationally not only by the percentage of correctly answered National Exam questions, but they are ranked according to their language experiences and level of study.

The results of these twice-yearly events are truly a tribute to both our GAVS students and their instructors.

**Contact:** Margaret Thomas