

## Deputy Superintendent Updates GEORGIA AWARDED \$180M FOR L4GA

Georgia won another competitive federal grant for Literacy for Learning, Living and Leading in Georgia (L4GA). Ninety-five percent or about \$180 million award will be sub-granted to local education agencies and their schools and partners.



Don't miss the opportunity! The window for applying to receive a submission grant will open this winter. Get ready to respond to the request for proposals (RPF) now. Start the local conversation in your district! Information regarding the REP is forthcoming.

Here's a look at the review and questions below.

### Review:

- Formative data on literacy learning across feeder patterns—from birth-five, elementary, middle to high school
- Local community data
- CLIP, DIP, and SIP
- Data related to early care and learning

### Questions:

- What are your systems strengths? Where are the opportunities for improvement?
- What are the root causes for literacy outcomes? Attendance issues? Instruction issues? Issues related to poverty such as lack of eyewear or hearing devices? Teacher development?
- What patterns do you need to make things better? P-20 partners? Community organizations? Business and industry? County Commission and/or Chambers?

## BE A 2020 "CENSUS CHAMPION"



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[Statistics in Schools](#) (SIS) is a U.S. Census Bureau program that uses census statistics to create classroom materials for grades pre-K through 12. The SIS program is available now and includes more than 200 activities and resources in a variety of subjects.

- Learn how you can be a [Census Champion](#)

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## State Board of Education Updates MATH AND ELA SURVEY RESULTS

State School Superintendent Richard Woods announced the results of the public surveys on the academic standards used in Georgia's K-12 public schools. The surveys sought public feedback on the current Georgia Standards of Excellence for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. This initial opportunity for public feedback was the first step in a student-focused effort to review and revise the standards, led by citizens, teachers, parents, and educational leaders. For more information, visit [gadoe.org/standards](http://gadoe.org/standards)

## Director Updates: New Resources NEW CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION SUPERVISORS WEBINAR SERIES

- [Resources for first and second year New Curriculum Leaders](#)

## 2019 FALL CURRICULUM LEADERS' CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [2019 - Numeracy and the Whole Child](#)

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**STEM | STEAM****LAST CHANCE! REGISTER 2019 STEM | STEAM FORUM!**

**Location:** The Classic Center, Athens, GA

**Dates:** October 20-22

**Cost:** \$150 (both days, including lunch)

Don't miss your opportunity! This is your last chance to register for the 2019 STEM and STEAM Forum. To help support teachers attending the forum, your school or system can apply for a grant called "3 for \$300 Grants" for CTAE, elementary, middle, and high school teachers. Teachers must attend the conference in order to apply.

- [Learn More About the Conference](#)

**Contact:** [Meghan McFerrin](#)

## Georgia Tiered Systems of Support NEW 2020 MTSS/SST ONLINE PLATFORM

The MTSS/SST Online Application is scheduled to release statewide in January 2020, for implementation in the 2020-2021 school year.

The training for MTSS/SST application is now available at [MTSS/SST Online Application](#). All local education agencies are encouraged to use the link to work with the application and provide feedback. Your input is needed to ensure that this tool meets the needs of all users.

The web-based application help districts and schools facilitate data-based decision making within a tiered system of supports for students. This application is a tool that districts and schools may use to create and maintain a record of a student's response to intervention.

### General Features:

- Accessible to all Georgia districts
- Provides real-time data
- Allows transfer of student data if a student moves anywhere in Georgia
- Fully integrated with the Student Longitudinal Data System, or SLDS.

For more information or to provide your feedback, contact [Rondalyn Pinckney](#).

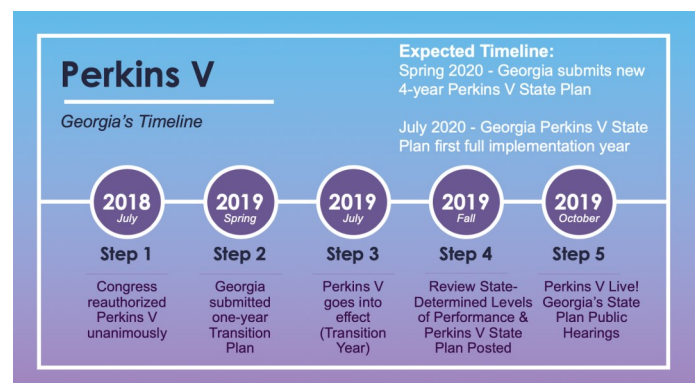
## Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE)

### PERKINS V UPDATE

Perkins V is the recently updated federal law that provides accountability and funding for CTE programs around the country, including Georgia, to promote and enhance CTAE programs for students!

#### NEW Perkins V features

- Expanded opportunities for local employer engagement
- Greater support for ALL students
- New federal CTAE funding opportunities for career exploration in grades 5-8
- A new local needs assessment requirement to encourage MORE community input
- Refined student performance indicators focused on measuring student success in school & preparation for successful transitions to a career or college



## College Readiness and Talent Development

### NEW FALL 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 two meetings this fall.

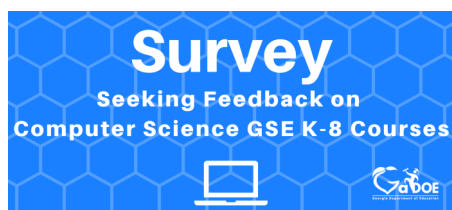
- October 28, 2019 - Murray Educational Center, 4841 Bill Arp Road, Douglasville, GA 30135
- October 30, 2019 - Coastal Plains RESA, 245 North Robinson Street, Lenox, GA 31637

If you are a new gifted coordinator and have not contacted our team regarding your new role, please notify [Mary Jean Banter](#).

## Computer Science

### YOUR VOICE MATTERS ACCESS NOW!

[Computer Science Course Survey](#)



With the adoption of the K-8 GSE for Computer Science in March 2019, Georgia has established a new discipline. The standards are organized by grade bands to provide flexibility to schools and educators. Schools could offer either direct course instruction or integrate computer science into other content areas or do both.

This survey will evaluate the adopted Georgia Standards of Excellence for K-8 Computer Science as discrete grade-level courses. This includes the addition of six elementary courses and two new middle school courses to complement three existing middle school courses.

You may review one, several, or all the K-8 Computer Sciences courses and provide feedback.

[Kindergarten](#), [First-Grade](#), [Second-Grade](#), [Third-Grade](#), [Fourth-Grade](#), [Fifth-Grade](#), [CS 1 Draft](#), [CS 2 Draft](#)

This review will be open until November 4.

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## Fine Arts

### GEORGIA ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 2019 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

**Location:** Young Harris College

**Dates:** November 12-17



The registration window is now open for the Georgia Art Education Association 2019 Fall Conference. Join the conversation about providing the highest quality visual arts education.

- For more details, visit [GAEA](#)

### GOVERNOR'S HONOR PROGRAM

The Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students who will be rising juniors and seniors during the program. The District Coordinator handbook was released on September 6.

- Experience the [Governor's Honors Program](#)

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## Social Studies

### PICTURING HISTORY: USING GREAT CHILDREN'S LITERATURE TO SPARK INQUIRY IN SOCIAL STUDIES K-12



Save the date: June 18-19, 2020

Conference Registration: \$300

The registration window is open! The literacy-infused read aloud retreat connects educators with professional authors and illustrators. Held at Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa, nestled in the beautiful mountains of north Georgia, the retreat is expected to fill quickly. There is limited space and availability, so book your hotel and registration soon.

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## Science

### READING, WRITING & SCIENCE: THE PERFECT COMBINATION

What does literacy have to do with science? Everything! As students obtain, evaluate, and communicate information throughout science, literacy is an integral piece. Find tips and strategies to support the science classroom being a space where students read, write, speak, and think. There are four videos for elementary, four for secondary and five relevant for K-12.

- Visit, [GaDOE Science Video](#)

### FREE Book - My Family's Peach Farm

Destination Ag is the Georgia Museum of Agriculture's literacy program. Throughout the state, Destination Ag continues to roll out new resources for Georgia's elementary classrooms. My Family's Peach Farm is the latest edition. The book is designed to raise awareness about the importance of agriculture in our daily lives. Primarily geared toward third and fourth-grade students, it can be applied across several grades. Teachers may request a hard copy of the book or the e-version by contacting Destination Ag Supervisor, [Kelly Scott](#)

### CHOOSE 80+ SESSIONS AT THE PLEARN CONFERENCE

The Personalized Learning (plearn) conference will take place November 18-20 at the Georgia Tech Conference Center. The conference will feature nationally-known speakers in the area of personalized learning and educational leadership. The speakers and conference presenters will highlight the latest research and innovative practices used by classroom teachers and their success stories.

If you are working in a school system using a personalized learning approach to education, or you are thinking of implementing the plearn approach, this conference will be a great opportunity to network with over 400 educators across the southeast region. Learn more about personalized learning:

- [Conference Registration](#)



First 100 Georgia Educators to register receive 10% discount! Use promo code: **GAEDU19** at the completion of registration!

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Inspirational Keynote Speakers  
Enlightening Breakout Sessions  
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Teacher Professional Development



## Professional Development

### Georgia Aquarium

All life on Earth relies on the ocean — yet, the ocean is 95 percent unexplored, unknown and unseen by human eyes. Educators are invited to join NOAA Oceans Explorer Research staff to learn more about the importance of ocean exploration, current exploration technologies, and recent deep-sea discoveries. Enjoy a full day of professional development at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta.

- [Georgia Aquarium Professional Development](#)

## STEAM Series Teacher Professional Development

*Presented by the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Georgia Aquarium, High Museum of Art, Michael C. Carlos Museum and Zoo Atlanta*



Enhance your STEAM curriculum during the five interactive sessions focusing on project-based learning. Each session will be held at a different institution and focus on the connection between conservation and art. Register for all five sessions or just one.

Topic: Whale Shark Health Assessment

Date: Saturday, January 8

Registration: [Atlanta Botanical Garden](#)



## Mathematics

### RESAS ARE ALL ABUZZ ABOUT GEORGIA'S NUMERACY PROJECT

[The Georgia Numeracy Project](#) is a free numeracy development resource provided by the Georgia Department of Education. The project introduces teachers and teacher leaders to the pathway learners take to acquire a solid foundation in numeracy. This optional evidence-based resource is provided for schools and districts to use to help students build a solid foundation in numeracy.

As members of the GaDOE Math Team travel across the state to the RESAs, educators are learning more about the resource. Many have provided positive feedback and shared plans of further implementation of the universal screeners and intervention resources. The RESA Math Mentors have been an integral part of the work with this professional learning. The GaDOE Math Specialists working alongside the RESA Math Mentors broadcast a shared message of the importance of foundational numeracy.

**Contact:** [Lya Snell](#)

## English Language Arts and Literacy

### EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES FOR LITERACY

Wondering where to find guides for Evidence-based Practices for Literacy?

Visit these resources:

- [Regional Education Lab Southeast Resources](#)
- [Implementing Evidence-based Interventions Roadmap](#)
- [Self-Study Guide for Implementing Interventions for Early Literacy](#)
- [Self-Study Guide for Implementing Literacy Interventions Grades 3-8](#)

### 2020 LITERACY INSTITUTES



Save the dates: February 5, 2020, February 19, 2020, and March 4, 2020

Gather your literacy teams and join us for the 2020 Winter Literacy Institutes. There will be a variety of sessions for K-12 literacy educators, administrators, instructional leaders, and district leaders.

**Contact:** [Stephanie Sanders](#)

## Teacher and Leader Support and Development

### TLSD UPDATES

The Teacher and Leader Support and Development (TLSD) Division is dedicated to providing high quality professional learning that is job-embedded, collaborative, and focused to support teachers' and leaders' growth. Our team is excited to announce enhanced features to our webpage, additional professional learning modules, and our NEW initiative.

Enhanced features include:

- A banner alert of upcoming TLSD events
- SLDS and GSPS Professional Learning Partnership Projects
- P20 Regional Collaboratives

The revised TLSD professional learning resources for teachers and leaders can be accessed here:

- [Professional Learning Resources](#)

### PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In addition to our enhanced features, 69 modules have been published in the Professional Learning Platform. Each module can be used independently or with a small group in a professional learning community. Module concepts are in development to enhance teacher and leader effectiveness and are aligned with TKES and LKES Performance Standards.

- Visit [Professional Learning Platform Catalog](#)

### 60 SECONDS TO SUCCESS

The Teacher and Leader Support and Development Team (TLSD) is pleased to announce their newest initiative! These videos highlight teachers and leaders across Georgia discussing how the TKES or LKES Performance Standards have made a difference in their classroom or school leadership. The resources can be found on the TLSD Professional Learning Website. To view Performance standard-specific videos, click on the associated domain button at the bottom of the page.

Domains located: [Teacher Keys Effectiveness Systems](#) to view 60 Seconds to Success videos

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## World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives

### GROWING WORLD LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN GEORGIA

GaDOE World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives is happy to report that there is growing interest from across the state in all programs.

- The Georgia Seal of Biliteracy has reported growth for the 3rd straight year with a record 41 districts participating and 2,265 Seals awarded last year.
- The International Skills Diploma Seal Program has grown for the 4th straight year with currently, 104 high schools are participating.
- Georgia's Dual Language Immersion Initiative continues to grow with 61 programs and over 6,300 students participating worldwide.
- IB programs are on the rise in Georgia and world language course account for 23% of GaVirtual courses. #GlobalReadyGeorgia
- Visit [DLI Dashboard](#) to learn more.

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## Professional Learning

### OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY MONTH



The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) of the United States Department of Education offers two cyber-related resources for schools:

- [Cyber Safety Considerations for K-12 Schools and School Districts](#)
- [Integrating Cybersecurity with Emergency Operations Plans for K-12 Schools](#)

## Nutrition

### CELEBRATING FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH



October is National Farm to School Month. Farm to School is a movement that connects all parts of the food system with all aspects of the school day. GaDOE has teamed up with partners such as the Georgia Department of Agriculture and Georgia Organics to celebrate Farm to School programs in Georgia. Resources available include standards-based lesson plans, school garden ideas, marketing and promotion materials, community activities and cooking and taste test ideas.

For more information on Georgia Farm to School Programs, visit:

- [Georgia Department of Agriculture](#)
- [Georgia Organics](#)
- [Georgia Organics Food-Based Learning Activities](#)

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## Georgia Virtual School

### GEORGIA VIRTUAL SCHOOL PARTNERS WITH SCHOOLS



Georgia Virtual School create partnership with schools around the state to provide opportunities for students to take courses not offered at the local school and to offer options when scheduling conflicts may arise. For the Fall 2019 semester, GaVS is partnering with:

- Taylor Road Middle School to provide Chinese I to 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Georgia high schools that did not have World Language instructors
- Gwinnett's GIVE Center to add course offerings for its students

Please **contact:** [Margaret Thomas](#).