



July 9, 2021 Email Blast

Office of Federal Programs - Division for Special Education

Directors,

We are excited about the upcoming ESSA and IDEA Summer Professional Learning Series on July 14-15. This series will address ESSA and IDEA grant requirements to assist local school systems with planning and budgeting for FY22. All webinars will be recorded and posted on the public website.

Detail are available here.

You can use the this link to access the IDEA calendar and important dates:

Click Here.

Special Education Directors' Webinar Series

You may access the upcoming dates for the Directors' Webinar Series on the following webpage: **Click Here**. You will need to register for each session. The series will be hosted on the second Tuesday of each month; however, we did not schedule a webinar during November and March because of the fall and spring G-CASE Conferences.

On August 17, we will host a special technical assistance training webinar on Correctional Facilities and feature best practices in local school systems. Each month, the archived recording link and presentation will be posted.

Science of Reading: A Yearlong Professional Development Journey

To assist local school systems in providing high quality, specially designed instruction to all students with disabilities, we wanted to highlight this



professional learning opportunity.

Over the 2021-22 school year, the Cox Campus for Language & Literacy is offering a comprehensive Science of Reading course sequence. Each course has been designed by knowledgeable and highly experienced reading teachers in collaboration with national experts. Lessons have been recorded in real classrooms to demonstrate intentional reading instruction and immediately applicable practices that will help ensure every child is able to read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade.

In addition to dynamic coursework, the experts behind the screen will **facilitate monthly discussions** to take all of us on a deep dive into strategies, problems of practice, technical questions and more.

The GaDOE ELA team has partnered with Cox Campus to offer facilitated sessions prior to each discussion. Participants will have an opportunity to join us as we complete the coursework together. We will use this time to go through the sessions as a virtual professional learning community before going deeper with the Cox Campus experts.

Register today! We hope that you will join us as we learn together!

Data Collections

Pre-school Outcomes and Post-school Outcomes: Both submissions are due in the GaDOE Portal, Special Education Applications Dashboard, by July 31.

The link for the Definitions and Directions and a list of Activity Codes are located in the portal application. If you have questions, contact your District Liaison or Data and GO-IEP regional contact person.

Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS): The due date for FY21 student exit data submission in the GaDOE Portal is July 31. If you have questions about data entry or plan submission, please contact your District Liaison or Data and GO-IEP regional contact person.

Georgia Council for Exceptional Children Opportunities

It's time to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of your coworkers, community members, and students by nominating them for a GACEC award. Nominations can be submitted by using this **GACEC Award Nomination Link**. NOTE: Google sign-in is required to upload nomination forms. Deadline to

submit nominations is 8/1/2021.

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July 16, 2021 Email Blast

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Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS)

We want to welcome our newest GLRS Director, Roxie Tumlin. She has been in education for 24 years. She served as an elementary and middle school special education teacher, diagnostician and special education director in Brantley County. Roxie has a strong passion for students and staff and a drive for continuous improvement. Using a data driven approach to problem solving, her former school system was able to improve the graduation rate for students with

disabilities from 56% in 2016 to 92.3% in 2020. Roxie is excited to use her experience in a different capacity.

GLRS is excited to welcome back two recent retirees in part-time director positions. Lisa Hill will return to support East GLRS, and Terrie Young-Graham will return to support East Central GLRS.

NEW MODULE

Nationally, attendance is an ongoing concern that school systems must address to improve school completion. The Division for Special Education Services and Supports has developed a professional learning module entitled “Promoting School Attendance” to support leaders, teachers, and families. The module provides strategies for promoting school attendance to assist with increasing positive student outcomes leading to increased graduation rates, improved student achievement, and decreased dropout rates.

The recorded module includes a facilitator guide, handouts, one-pagers, and presentation with detailed notes. It is now available on the SSIP webpage: **Click Here.**

If you have any questions, please contact Trace Vaughn at **james.vaughn@doe.k12.ga.us**.

Accessible Materials Ordering (GIMC)

We are proud to announce the release of the DataInx student management and accessible materials ordering updates. The educator component of the system has undergone a complete overhaul, which was designed to provide an efficient process for registering students with print disabilities and ordering accessible materials, equipment, and supplies. Future updates will include a multiple source search engine to streamline finding accessible books from the GIMC, Bookshare, and Learning Ally.

The existing link to the previous system automatically redirects to the new webpage so there is no reason to update bookmarks. The permanent hyperlink is found at the bottom of the Educator’s page from the GIMC homepage: **Click Here.**

Special Olympics

Special Olympics of Georgia is hosting the Fall State Games October 8 and 9. If you are interested, you may access the flier for information: [Click Here!](#)

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Federal Programs

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Directors,

The Georgia State Board of Education has approved the FY22 allocations for the following federal and state grants: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 611, IDEA 619, IDEA 611 American Rescue Plan (ARP), IDEA 619 ARP, IDEA Parent Mentor Partnership, and State Preschool Grant.

Please click on the following link to view the allocations on the Special Education Budgets and Grants webpage: [Click Here](#). The IDEA ARP funding must be accounted for separately than regular IDEA Part B, 611 and 619 funding; however, these grants have the same functionality and regulatory requirements as traditional IDEA formula grants. If you have questions about requirements and allowability of this supplemental funding, contact your IDEA Budget Liaison.

The FY21 IDEA Supplemental Relief Grant, Program Code 2829, is not eligible for carryover. The grant period ends September 30, 2021. The regular IDEA 611 and IDEA 619 grants will continue to be eligible for 100% carryover. Please refer to the grant award notifications uploaded in the Consolidated Application for further details. If you have any questions, contact your IDEA Budget Liaison.



FY21 Parent Survey (Available Reports)

The 2020-2021 Parent Survey Reports and data are now available in the Special Education Applications Dashboard in the GaDOE portal. There were 34,037 responses at the state level yielding a 90.21% satisfaction rating, which is the highest percentage to date.

Your Local Educational Agency (LEA) information can be accessed from the landing page in the Special Education Applications Dashboard within the Parent Survey tile. A Response Summary disaggregated by Parent Survey item and response level can be downloaded for analysis. There are also reports available detailing your LEA's Satisfaction Score and Responses by Demographics.

If you have questions about the reports or data, contact Dawn Kemp dkemp@doe.k12.ga.us or Linda Castellanos lcastellanos@doe.k12.ga.us. For information regarding the Survey questions, contact Anne Ladd aladd@doe.k12.ga.us.

Georgia's Online Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)/Student Support Team (SST) Application

Did you know Georgia's Online MTSS/SST Application (GO MTSS/SST) was designed to help LEAs and schools facilitate data-based decision making within a tiered system of supports for students?

LEAs can learn more information about the work using the following link: **Click Here**. GO MTSS/SST is a free, web-based application and provides real-time data. If a student moves to another LEA, then his/her data can transfer to another LEA in the state; it is accessible to every LEA.

GO MTSS/SST is aligned to the Georgia Online IEP (GO-IEP) and fully integrated with the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).

To learn more about GO MTSS/SST, please read our **fact sheet** and explore **demo site**.

If you are interested in a demonstration of the GO MTSS/SST application or have questions, contact Rondalyn Pinckney (rpinckney@doe.k12.ga.us).

Click here to complete the application: **GO MTSS/SST 2021 Application**.

New Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA) Program

Effective July 1, 2021, there will be two new WIPAs (Work Incentive Planning and Assistance) programs serving Georgia. The new WIPAs include Bobby Dodd and Walton Options. The Social Security office suggests that families are directed to the Help Line (1-866-968-7842) to receive appropriate contacts. You may access additional information using the following link: [Click Here](#).

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