Welcome to G-CASE

The Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education
A Unified Voice for Special Education Students and Leaders Across Georgia

G-CASE:

- Promotes Professional Membership
- Provides Professional Learning
- Practices Professional Leadership
Our Major Goal:

To improve services to children with special needs
G-CASE strives to provide leadership and support to our members by providing input into the policies and practices in Georgia which impact the quality of education and by providing support to the professionals who serve the students of Georgia.
Leadership of this organization includes an Executive Committee, an Advisory Board from the eighteen districts across the state and several ad-hoc members from other organizations.
Leadership

G-CASE is led by elected officers who volunteer their services and expertise.

An Executive Director funded by G-CASE oversees the day-to-day activities, finances, and professional learning opportunities.
G-CASE Opportunities

G-CASE Members have the opportunity to serve on a variety of working committees designed to enhance our mission:

- Professional Learning
- Legislation
- Membership
- Communications
- Strategic Planning
- Research and Innovation
- Policy and Procedures
An Affiliate of GAEL

The Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) is the organization that provides unity of school leadership groups in Georgia.
The Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) is a statewide organization composed of seven professional affiliate organizations for school leaders:

- The Georgia Association of Curriculum and Instructional Supervisors (GACIS)
- The Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals (GAESP)
- The Georgia Association of Middle School Principals (GAMSP)
- The Georgia Association for Secondary School Principals (GASSP)
- The Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education (G-CASE)
- The Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators (GASPA)
- The Georgia School Superintendents Association (GSSA)
...and Two Associate Groups:

- Student Support Team Association for Georgia Educators (SSTAGE)
- Georgia Educational Leadership Faculty Association (GELFA)
G-CASE Membership

G-CASE seeks individuals for membership who are involved in the administration of special education programs at a regional, system, or building level, as well as college faculty involved in the preparation of administrators.
There are 613 active members of G-CASE, as of June 30th!

The Membership Year goes from July 1st to June 30th.

Membership in G-CASE costs $50/year.

We have included SELDA members on all G-CASE Correspondence until you have the opportunity to join.
CEC and CASE Memberships

G-CASE members are encouraged to join national professional organizations designed to enhance the skills of special education administrators:

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

and the

Council for Administrators of Special Education (CASE)
Membership in CEC and CASE begins on the anniversary date of the membership and extends for one complete year from that date.

- CEC/CASE Membership through GAEL/G-CASE: $127.00. Easiest way to join is when registering for a G-CASE Conference.
Why Join G-CASE?
G-CASE offers two major conferences a year, including a Spring Legal Forum featuring attorneys from Georgia and the nation; as well as “Drive-In Conferences” featuring timely presentations on trending topics.
Professional Learning Since COVID-19:

- Three Collaborative Conversations with all G-CASE Members:
  2. Meeting the Needs of Our Students with Disabilities during COVID-19: Reliable, “Best Practice” Answers from the GaDOE
  3. Back to School for Students with Disabilities: Restarting Guidelines Specific to the Implementation of IDEA

- Strengthening Virtual Instruction for Non-GAA Students
- Three-Part Webinar Series on Cultural Responsibility and Responsiveness
G-CASE partners with the Georgia Department of Education by co-sponsoring the Special Education Leadership Development Academy (SELDA), a two-year program for new directors.
Mentors to SELDA

- G-CASE provides mentors to each SELDA member through the Advisory Council.
- These mentors have at least three years of experience as a Director of Special Education.
- They are available to the new directors at GLRS meetings and when needed.
- The mentors partner with the area GLRS Directors and the GaDOE District Liaison at each monthly Special Education Director/Collaborative Communities meeting to provide support and training.
- Make sure you know who you mentor is! Call on him/her to help!
G-CASE, GAEL, GACTE, and PAGE members participate in “A Day at the Capital” in Atlanta each year to share our educational priorities with state legislators.
Last month, G-CASE met with key stakeholders at the GaDOE and developed Public Comments on the Proposed SST/Dyslexia Rule.

G-CASE’s Public Comments were also endorsed by SSTAGE (Student Support Team Association for Georgia Educators) and the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals (GAESP).
...Providing Our Voice into NATIONAL Policies and Practices that Impact Educational Outcomes for Our Students
President's Corner

Greetings G-CASE members!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and managed to catch up on some much-needed rest and family time. Now I want to thank everyone for continued support of G-CASE. I hope you all enjoyed the time together in Savannah as much as we all did. Also, please be reminded that this year G-CASE is hosting its Legal Forum in Athens. The Legal Forum will be held at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia from March 9th to March 10th, 2016. As the month winds down and in many respects is important for us to be reminded of the positive impact we can have on students life. I have included below how one teacher changed the world for one student.

Maya Angelou: Flower in Poverty

Before Maya Angelou became the powerful poet and civil rights activist, the world remembers her as she suffered a life of torment and deprivation that nearly stole her voice forever. Angelou later recalled that she was exposed to domestic violence and sexual abuse at the hands of a family member. As a result, she became mute for nearly five years. It all changed one day with the help of a kind friend, a teacher named Bottie Flowers. Angelou credits Mrs. Flowers for helping find her own voice again. Through Flowers, she was introduced to African-American female artists like Frances Harper, Anne Spencer, and Jessie Fauset. In addition, Mrs. Flowers introduced Angelou to the poetry of W. E. B. Du Bois, an influential African-American author who would come to greatly influence her personal and professional philosophies.

G-CASE Comments

G-CASE Communicates through discussion and publication information to improve services to exceptional students. All G-CASE members receive our newsletter --- “G-CASE Comments” on a quarterly basis - full of information from attorneys, the GaDOE, CASE, and local administrators.
CASE Strategic Plan 2018 - 2020
CASE Mission: Provide leadership and support to members by shaping policies and practices that impact the quality of education.

G-CASE is just beginning a new mission - a SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER LEADER ACADEMY - providing training for teachers interested in becoming special education leaders based on CEC/CASE curriculum standards!

Opening June, 2021!

G-CASE Provides Opportunities for Research into Innovative Practices
Come Join Us!

Serve on a G-CASE Committee
Run for a G-CASE Office
Attend a G-CASE Conference
Lead a Breakout Session
Share Legislative Priorities
Work with G-CASE to Improve Outcomes for our Students!
G-CASE

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Professional Learning
Advocacy
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to improve services
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