Good News in Georgia Public K-12 Education

National Results

2011 Education Week “Quality Counts” Report

- Georgia ranks 7th in the nation on the 2011 Education Week “Quality Counts” Report

Advanced Placement Results (Georgia ranks 13th in the nation)

- Georgia ranks 13th in the nation in the percentage of students scoring a 3, 4, or 5 on Advanced Placement (AP) exams.
- African-American students rank 2nd in the nation in the percentage of students scoring a 3, 4, or 5 on Advanced Placement (AP) exams.
- Georgia received a 100% score for Hispanic students on Access and Equity

SAT Scores

- Georgia’s SAT score for its top 10% percent of students is 1,820 compared to the national average of 1,500.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Scores

- The results of the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in science show Georgia’s 8th graders had a four-point scale score increase, compared to just two points for the nation. This increase brings Georgia’s average scale score to that of the nation’s scale score average (151).

National Leader in Education Reform and Accountability

No Child Left Behind Waiver

- Georgia is one of only 10 states to have been granted a waiver from No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Race to the Top

- Georgia is one of only 22 states to win a Race to the Top grant ($400 million)

Globally Competitive

Career Pathways Initiative

- Georgia is the first state in the country to adopt full Career Pathway requirements for all students, allowing students to receive relevance alongside rigorous academics.

International Workforce Development Initiative

- The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) created the Global International Development Initiative, in partnership with the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and the University System of Georgia (USG), to provide three programs for students:
  - Georgia International Internship Program
  - Georgia Language Academy
  - Georgia Dual-Immersion Program

International Education Exchange Program Saxony, Germany and Bavaria, Germany

The Georgia Department of Education recently signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the Saxony (Germany) Minister of Education and Bavarian State Ministry of Education and Culture to offer an International Education Exchange Program for students and teachers.

Leadership

- GaDOE Chief Information Officer Bob Swiggum was the 2010 Data Quality Campaign’s State Leader for his work implementing a statewide data system that provides teachers access to digital content and student information.
- GaDOE’s Juan Carlos Aguilar is the President of the Council of State Science Supervisors.
- GaDOE’s Shaun Owen is President-elect of the Council of State Social Studies Specialists