

# Good News in Georgia Public Education



## Georgia Education is Succeeding on a National Scale



The class of 2022 had the 15th-highest Advanced Placement pass rate in the country.

All-time-high graduation rate of 84.1%.

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Georgia students continue to exceed the national average on the SAT and ACT exams.



## GaDOE's Academic Recovery / New Initiatives

The GaTutor program will provide free tutoring for all EOC courses and be available through Georgia Virtual Learning beginning this school year. GaDOE is hiring 100 tutors for the program.



Partnering with AmeriCorps' Math Corps and Reading Corps programs to provide tutoring for up to 5,000 students across the state.

Availability of BEACON is expanding to high schools and grades K-2. BEACON is the no-charge formative assessment directly aligned to Georgia Milestones.

**92 schools**

exited the Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) status. These 92 schools are no longer in the state's lowest-performing 5% of Title I schools.

**\$3.5 million awarded**

to school districts to screen students for dyslexia. Funding based on the number of K-3 students schools enroll.

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Gov. Kemp and the General Assembly fully funded the QBE formula which provided:

- Additional \$2,000 raises for Georgia teachers
- Increased funding to place school counselors
- \$115 million in school security grants

The New Director of Literacy will lead efforts to include:

- Training for new K-12 English Language Arts standards
- Supporting students with dyslexia
- L4GA initiative
- Responsibilities under the Georgia Early Literacy Act.



Georgia Department of Education

# State Board of Education adopted new English Language Arts standards

Georgia's ELA teachers drafted the standards with the input of:

- Thousands of Georgians
- An Academic Review Committee
- A new Citizens Review Committee
- Parents, students, business & industry, and higher education were all at the table.



Designed to provide a strong literacy foundation in the early grades. They are Georgia-owned and –developed, clear, and developmentally appropriate.

The Georgia Department of Education will provide teacher training during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, with implementation to follow.

## Georgia's Graduates are Prepared for Life

The high-school Economics course every student takes now includes a significant expansion of personal finance content.

Students graduate knowing how to manage and balance budgets, understand their pay stubs and how to build credit, protect against identity theft, and fill tax forms and student loan applications.

Revisions to the Economics course were made by an Economics Review Committee composed of policymakers, content-area teachers, and industry experts in finance and economics.

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## Students Have Opportunities to Explore and Prepare for Careers

Expanding Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) by partnering with local school systems to tailor Career Pathways to local workforce needs.

Developing elementary CTAE courses so students can explore career interests in early grades.



Providing additional funding for Career and Technical Student Organizations like DECA and FFA, allowing them to start new chapters and offset student membership and registration fees.

## Creating Professional Learning Experiences for CTAE Teachers

Created virtual professional learning communities for school leaders to discuss challenges and share improvement strategies.

Developed an online mentoring course for educators who mentor new teachers.

Created a profile of a CTAE graduate to guide professional learning and instructional practices for CTAE teachers.

## Ensuring Safety on Our School Campuses

Offering school safety training and assessments to schools and districts in collaboration with the Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agencies.

## PEACH Education Tax Credit

The Georgia Foundation for Public Education – the foundation of GaDOE – administers this tax credit, allowing individuals and corporations to support public schools at no additional cost. It provides a dollar-for-dollar credit on your Georgia state income taxes. You can directly apply your tax dollars to support innovation in Georgia's K-12 schools. Learn more at [gfpe.org/tax\\_credit](http://gfpe.org/tax_credit).