Learning Loss Support

Educating Georgia’s Future

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Academic Recovery Specialists

Under the direction of the Office of School Improvement, Academic Recovery Specialist (ARS) members provide instructional support and coaching to educators and assist schools in addressing learning opportunity loss due to COVID-19. ARS members are liaisons between district and school needs and state agency supports and resources. They provide proactive support to federally nonidentified schools at the request of district representatives, principals, and the Office of School Improvement. While sustaining professional development, ARS members analyze data to set instructional goals, provide individualized coaching, and model professional development. They utilize high-leverage evidence-based instructional strategies. ARS members will update and maintain a resource hub accessible to districts and schools.

Resource Hub & Professional Learning

The Resource Hub is a one-stop shop providing access to resources and services to enhance student success. It connects districts and schools to professional learning ideas, tools, and best practices. The Resource Hub includes digital videos, researched-based articles, book study ideas, content-specific materials, downloadable documents for collaboration, on-demand learning, and so much more! Professional Learning (PL) opportunities will be available in-person and virtually for districts and schools upon request.

Georgia Milestones Assessment

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System design provides information about how well students are mastering the state-adopted content standards in the core content areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Testing Strategy Reminders:

- Try not to stress yourself out, and remind your students not to stress!
- Clear up misconceptions for students regarding testing implications.
- Emphasize effort over getting a high score.
- Keep test days simple.
- Do not overuse test preparation materials.
- Do not plan something exciting directly after tests to avoid rushing through the session.

Learning Loss Support Form

Districts or schools complete the Learning Loss Support Form (LLSF) as the initial step for support. The LLSF allows districts and schools to proactively reach out to an ARS member requesting targeted support tailored to school improvement needs. Once the completed LLSF is submitted, an ARS team member will reach out to the specified point of contact and schedule a meeting to determine the next steps.
Coming soon from the ARS Team

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Contact information
For initial support and questions please email: lls@doe.k12.ga.us
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For more detailed information on testing strategies, reference:
- [How to Emotionally Prepare Students for Standardized Testing.](#)
- [Georgia Milestones Resource Page](#)
- [Lexile Framework for Reading.](#)
- [Georgia Milestones 2021-2022 Test Blueprints](#)