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Building Momentum

World Languages on the march!

THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT WE DO.

Wow! As always it seems, the school year is accelerating as we move closer to May. This is indeed a busy time for all of us and I wish you all continued strength and energy as we move forward together. As we enter March, we celebrate a great number of achievements and celebrations and at the same time we busily prepare our students for the remaining school year. Since our last update much has transpired in the area of world languages and global education and we remain inspired by our teachers, administrators, cultural partners, partner organizations, teacher associations and all of those who are working to move Georgia forward internationally and that work has never been more important. [With 95% of Georgia counties with businesses involved in international trade](#) in everything from heavy machinery and cars, such as the [recent first shipment of Korean Telluride vehicles](#) from the port of Savannah, [to agricultural products](#), there are a growing number of good reasons for Georgia to continue to move forward to lead the Southeast in world language and cultural education. In fact, we had the pleasure of speaking about that very issue in a [recent interview with "On Second Thought"](#) from GPB and our friends from the [French American Chamber of Commerce](#). Let me close by again expressing to all of you our deep appreciation for the work that you do and for your continued and unwavering commitment to your students, parents, schools and communities.

A Reminder: These updates are archived on the bottom of our professional development page [here](#) and the online calendars have been updated.

Seal the Deal!

SEAL UPDATES FROM WORLD LANGUAGES

The [submission portals for both of Georgia's Seals are open...](#)

[The Seal of Biliteracy Portal is here.](#)

(If your district has a world language coordinator, check with them prior to submitting to determine district policy)

The Deadline is May 1st for Students earning the seal via previous AP or IB exams or if they have taken a proficiency test in a non-AP/IB Language via Tier 2 on the Chart of approved tests. (which you can also view at the [bottom of our Seal of Biliteracy Page](#))



- ✦ We have also recently been adding promotional materials in a variety of Languages...these have been uploaded onto the Seal of Biliteracy page referenced above. [Please reference our Guidance at a Glance Doc](#) or contact me with any additional questions. (pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us)

[The International Skills Diploma Seal Portal is here.](#)

(If your district has a world language coordinator, check with them prior to submitting to determine district policy)

The Deadline is April 15th.

- ✦ The deadline to report ISDS STAR students for ISDS Awards Ceremony is April 15th as well [and can be done via this link.](#) More information on [our ISDS Website here.](#)



The ISDS Awards Ceremony will take place at the DOE on April 23rd at 10am. [Submit ISDS STAR Student Info via this link.](#) (1 per school) [Please reference our Guidance at a Glance Doc](#) or contact me with any additional questions. (pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us)

What's new?

8 New Courses added last month!

Standards for the 8 new recently passed courses are now available to be viewed online.

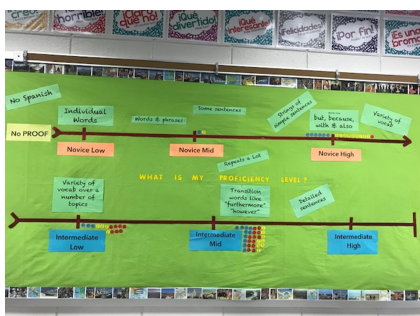
- [Spanish for Native Speakers Level 3](#) (60.07920)
- [DLI Advanced Language Literacy 6th Grade](#) (67.01000)
- [DLI Culture and History 6th Grade](#) (67.02000)
- [DLI Culture and History 7th Grade](#) (67.03000)
- [DLI Culture and History 8th Grade](#) (67.04000)
- [DLI Media Literacy 6th Grade](#) (67.05000)
- [DLI Media Literacy 7th Grade](#) (67.06000)
- [DLI Media Literacy 8th Grade](#) (67.07000)

3 New Courses approved for ISDS!

The Georgia Department of Education World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives is happy to announce that the 3 new courses from the new CTAE International Business pathway now qualify for the International Skills Diploma Seal. [Find out more on those courses here.](#)

New Online PD Recording Available!

On Monday, March 4th at 4pm, we heard from one of Ga's many excellent Spanish teachers, Mrs. Bertha Delgadillo from Woodville-Tompkins HS in Savannah! If you missed it, you can view the recording here.



GATJ TOTY nominations sought!

Konnichiwa! We are so happy to announce the GATJ Japanese Teacher of the Year (TOTY) to honor one Ga K-12 and one college level Japanese teacher each year. [Nominate a worthy Japanese Teacher or Professor via this link!](#) March 10th is the deadline!

AP Summer Institute Opportunities

Attention Spanish teachers, are you interested in getting AP certified this summer for AP Spanish Language and Culture or AP Spanish Literature and Culture? Then the summer AP Institute at Sprayberry HS is for you! [Find out more and register here.](#)

GADII 2019 Information

#GoGADII2019 • <http://bit.ly/GeorgiaDLI>

Come join us for the 6th Annual Georgia Dual Language Immersion Institute (GADII) on **Saturday, August 24th from 9am—3pm**. This year, the GADII will be returning to where it all began! We are proud to partner with Clayton County Schools to offer a full day of Dual Language Immersion sessions and training for language teachers, English partner teachers and school level and district level administrators! [Register free via this link!](#) Call for proposals: Deadline for Proposals in Monday, July 1st [Please submit your proposal via this link!](#)

Saturday, August 24, 2019

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Truett Cathy Professional Learning Center
1087 Battle Creek Rd, Jonesboro, GA 30236



Connect with other World Language Educators.

Join us this April!

The Georgia Department of Education World Languages, in collaboration with the Savannah Chatham Public School System, is pleased to announce the ***2nd Annual World Language Leadership Institute*** on April 11th and 12th. This institute is designed for state, district and school level world language leadership, state and regional cultural partners, university and college world language leadership and others involved in promoting and supporting international education and global workforce development. [Here is a link to our draft agenda.](#) [We ask all attendee to register via this link.](#)



Georgia
World Language
Leadership
Institute

World Language Educator of the Month! Nominate someone today!

Do you know a current world language teacher that has made a difference in your life or the lives of others! Do you know a teacher who goes above and beyond to provide students the critical language and cultural competencies needed for the workforce of today and tomorrow? Whether you are a parent, student, colleague or citizen, we invite you to tell us about them! [Please fill out our online nomination form here.](#) **Thank you in advance!**

FLAG & SCOLT News

FLAG Spoken Language Contest Dates have been announced and registration is now open! [More information via this link.](#)

Metro Spoken Language Contest will be held on Saturday, March 16, at McEachern HS in Cobb County – [Register via this link.](#)

The FLES contest will be Saturday, April 27 [at Warren T. Jackson ES](#)

The Savannah contest will be held on Saturday, March 2 at [Islands HS.](#) [Register via this link](#)

SCOLT has released their SCOLTALK Winter Conference Edition. [You can view it here.](#) Have you registered for the SCOLT conference in Myrtle Beach March 21 -23rd? [Find out more here!](#)

Congratulations to Agnes Scott College!

Congratulations to [Agnes Scott College](#) for winning the IIE Andrew Heiskell Award for innovation in International education. “To thrive in the global economy, students need access to international experiences during their college career,” said Clare Overmann, head of IIE’s Higher Education Initiatives. “We congratulate this year’s Heiskell Award winners for their outstanding success in providing new and innovative international education opportunities to their students.” [Find out more here.](#)

University of North Georgia Summer Language Institute Info!

Need to satisfy a language requirement or just interested in learning another language? The Summer Language Institute at UNG is open to all college students and you can earn 8 credits in 6 weeks studying Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Russian. March 15 deadline. [Find out more via this link.](#)

More Opportunities

Costa Rica Summer Youth Exchange Program.

Enroll by March 20 to receive our \$200 early enrollment. Don't miss out this summer! Join the youth of Costa Rica for a truly global local experience. Visiting students enjoy living daily life as a local high school student. Come celebrate our summer of friendship - in the arts, music, dance, sports, and outdoor adventure. We provide full supervision and Spanish tutoring from beginner to advance. Relax, have fun and Go beyond tourism, engage life as a true local in the beautiful green hills of small town Costa Rica. Learn more at www.highschoolspanish.org

New One Pager of major programs now available.

Recently, we excited to have been mentioned in the Georgia Association of Chambers of Commerce Newsletter that was sent out today! Aligning our work in support of Georgia's future workforce needs. As part of this work, we created a new one pager document covering our major programs. [You can view it here.](#)

Dual Language Immersion Opportunities at Georgia State University!

Are you interested in becoming a Dual Language Immersion teacher? Do you currently hold a Georgia foreign language teacher certificate? If so, then the Georgia State University Elementary Dual Language Immersion Endorsement is the option for you. Requirements for the endorsement include 12 hours of concentrated coursework in elementary (K-5) dual language education and a three (3) hour field-based practicum. We may offer these courses in Spanish if there is sufficient interest. A \$1,000 stipend is available for all FLED endorsement-candidates willing to sign a commitment letter. An additional \$5,000 is available for Spanish speaking endorsement-candidates. For more information about the endorsement program, see <https://education.gsu.edu/ecee/academicsecee/graduate-and-endorsement-programs-in-dual-language-and-immersion-education/> Please contact Dr. Cathy Amanti at camanti@gsu.edu for more information.

Early Childhood and Elementary Education is a partner with the Future Immersion Teacher (FIT) Fellowship. The FIT Fellowship is an initiative of the French government's Dual Language Fund, launched by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the United States and the FACE Foundation. Qualified French-speaking students enrolled in either the M.Ed. in Elementary Education with a concentration in Dual Language Education program or the Dual Immersion Early Childhood Education Endorsement program may apply for this Fellowship of \$10,000 (M.Ed.) or \$5,000 (endorsement only). For more information, contact Dr. Cathy Amanti at camanti@gsu.edu.

Claus Halle Foundation Graduate Assistantship for German at GT.

Thanks to generous support by the Claus Halle Foundation, the Graduate Program in Global Media and Culture is pleased to offer two fully funded positions for the graduate study of German language and culture. Claus Halle Foundation Graduate Assistants receive a 100% tuition waiver and a monthly stipend in the amount of \$1270 over nine months. They will take a leadership role in program development activities related to German Studies and graduate education. All applicants to the MS-GMC German concentration will automatically be considered for these awards. Two scholarships are available for the 2019-2020 academic year and will be awarded on a competitive basis.

GRAs take a leadership role in program development activities that build essential 21st century skills in project management, teamwork, global competence, and professional communication. Projects will be developed in consultation with faculty and School leadership and may include the following: communications, marketing, undergraduate engagement and community-building, media production, grant-writing, project management, relationship-building with industry partners, Global Media Fest, Global Career Intensive, undergraduate tutoring, study abroad development. Workload expectations will not exceed 13 hours per week.

Still More Opportunities!

Mein Beruf ist der Beste!

MY PROFESSION IS THE BEST! COMPETITION FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS



MEIN BERUF IST DER BESTE!

CONTACT

The Goethe Institute has launched a new program - Mein Beruf ist der Beste! Students at community colleges who are learning a profession/trade and German (at their CC or on their own) create a short video with convincing arguments as to why their future profession - combined with German - is the perfect fit for them. The top student prize is a trip to Germany with a language course at a Goethe-Institut in summer 2019 -- and that student's teacher will also receive a two-week professional development course at a Goethe-Institut in Germany in the summer of 2020. All details are on www.goethe.de/usa/meinberuf

Checkpoint Charlie Teachers available for systems to hire!

The Checkpoint Charlie foundation has a program called the [School Teachers Enrichment Program](#) (GTEP) that they have been facilitating for over 30 years. STEP was founded by the then Berlin Senator for Education Hanna-Renate Laurien, who was eager to keep and strengthen the bonds between Berlin (& Germany) and the United States of America. The German Teacher Exchange Program (GTEP) is the largest German-American teacher exchange program. The aim of the program is to place teachers from all over Germany trained in various subjects and skills, like special education/special needs, Math, modern languages, Music, Art, Phy.Ed., Ethics, Physics etc., which is why their candidates are looking for the opportunity to continue teaching the subjects they are certified for – e.g. Math, Music, French and Phy.Ed – at an US-American K-12 public school. This also means that their teachers are not in the first place teachers for German as a foreign language although some are trained as German as a Foreign Language teachers in addition to other areas. All of those designated as English teachers are trained as ESL teachers. For every teacher from Germany who gets a placement at a school, The Checkpoint Charlie Foundation will offer a slot in their Educational Enrichment Program (EEP), which will bring one of your teachers or administrative staff to Berlin on a two-week-visit in the summer of 2020. The flight would be the only expense for any of your teachers or administrators. Interested Georgia Schools should contact pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us for details.

Atlanta Opera performs Bilingual plays for local DLI Programs!

The Atlanta Opera has been performing for Gwinnett County Public Schools for over 30 years. This year is the first year they teamed up with the Dual Language Immersion Program. [See a video and find out more by following this link.](#)



Atlanta Opera DLI Performance Selected Episode

The Atlanta Opera brings its tour of "The Barber of Seville in California" to the Dual Language Immersion students of Camp Creek Elementary School. The interactive performance not only gives opportunities for growth in their second language, but also exposure to theater and opera.
Produced February 2019

Goethe Zentrum Atlanta holding Student Art Competition

Leading up to the Frühlingsfest, the Goethe Center of Atlanta would like to highlight middle and high school students' talents by displaying their Kunst (art) in their auditorium. The theme for the competition is "Frühling in Europa (Spring in Europe)." [For more information please visit their website.](#) The event will take place on March 6th.

Other Important News!

More Updates.....

New DLI Guidance and updates are now posted on the Curriculum and Instruction main page! [See the update here.](#)

It's March, which means that it is time for the annual Francophonie Festival in Atlanta. [Find out more here.](#)

Need a set of printables to put together your own classroom proficiency pathway board? We got you covered. [You can download them from our professional development page here.](#)

Have you heard of the 2019 2nd Annual Southeastern United States Korean Speech · Quiz Contest! Now open to MS and HS students from across Ga! [Find out more at this link.](#)



We welcome these students from UGA as they become part of Georgia's family of world language educators!

Georgia Chinese Language Educators (GCLE) is delighted to announce the second GCLE Chinese Talent Contest for Georgia Middle and High School students. We are looking forward to seeing students' talent in singing this year. Top talent performances will be featured on the GCLE's website. Please review the attached poster, participation rules, and media release form in detail but here are a few important dates:

Important dates

Registration Date: Friday February 22, 2019

Link: [Teacher registration form](#)

Video Submission Date: Friday, March 15, 2019

Link: [Student registration form](#)

Live Contest Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019

Location TBD

Have you gotten your badge yet? **[3 new free courses are available to anyone in the world](#)** (That's right...free to the world) that will introduce you to the NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statement Framework! The 3rd in the series is now available introducing teachers to the Intercultural Communication Can-Do Statements. [Find out more about all 3 courses by visiting our professional development page here.](#)

Be sure to check out the Teacher workshops from the **Center for Urban Language Teaching and Research**. [More information via this link.](#)

CI Workshop available at Hopewell MS on March 11th. [More information and registration here.](#)

Teacher & Student Spotlight

February World Language Educator of the Month!

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary De Jesus - Torres, our World Language Educator of the Month for February! Mary is a Dual-Language Kindergarten teacher at Mount Zion Primary School in Jonesboro, Georgia. Born and raised in Coamo, Puerto Rico, Ms. De Jesus Torres arrived in the state of Georgia in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and a sincere commitment to become an educator. She did not hesitate when afforded the opportunity to educate students in her native language. Serving as Dual-Language teacher in both Clayton County and Atlanta Public Schools [prepared Ms. De Jesus Torres](#) with the skills and experience necessary to accept the challenge and invitation to assist in piloting the Dual-Language Program at Mount Zion Primary.



Mrs. Archer awarded Palmes Academiques, Chevalier



Congratulations to Mrs. Rhonda Archer, French teacher at Mountain View High School, who learned that she has been awarded one of the highest honors available to French teachers in the U.S., the Palmes Academiques (Order of Academic Palms) Silver Cross (Chevalier) from the Republic of France. This award recognizes distinguished academics and contributors in the fields of education and culture. It was founded by Emperor Napoleon in 1805 and is bestowed upon French citizens or foreign nationals who make major contributions to the expansion of French language and culture. Mrs. Archer has been teaching French in Dekalb and Gwinnett Counties for twenty-five years and has served for twenty-one of those years as a department chair. "Teaching French to teenagers is my passion and I love opening new worlds and opportunities to my students, teaching the French language and Culture. I fell in love with all things French as a young girl and the passion and excitement I have for all things French has never faded. In fact, it continues to grow stronger with every passing year." Merci beaucoup Mrs. Archer!

Teacher & Student Spotlight

Lakeside HS Teacher working to launch Exchange Program



Lakeside High foreign language teacher, Dr. Yesim Ozbarlas, is working to bring a German foreign exchange program to the school. [Read more via this link.](#) [Lakeside High School](#) Foreign language teacher Dr. Yesim Ozbarlas was recently invited to a workshop in Washington, D.C. hosted by the Goethe Institute's German American Partnership Program (GAPP). As an invitee, Ozbarlas will receive information on how to bring a German foreign exchange program to Lakeside High School. "When I worked in academia, I used to take students abroad to Turkey, Spain, Argentina, and other countries. Now we're working with GAPP for Germany," Ozbarlas said. "It's a big deal— this is a first for Lakeside."

#WunderbarTogether

Congratulations to Dr. Sabine Smith, the AATG Professor of the Year and to Ms. Samantha Baker, The AATG College Student of the Year! They are even

more [#WunderbarTogether](#)! **Samantha, Sam, Baker** is a Modern Language and Culture Major and junior at Kennesaw State University. She has been learning German since her first year of high school at South Forsyth. Samantha graduated from SFHS in 2016 with completion of the German Language pathway, as well as the International Skills Diploma Seal. She is the current president of the KSU German Club and runs social media for their German Studies Program. **Dr. Sabine Smith** earned her MA in American Studies at Johannes-Gutenberg-University of Mainz, Germany, and her PhD in German Studies at the University of California at Davis. She has taught at Kennesaw State University since 1997 and serves as Program Coordinator of German Studies in the Department of Foreign Languages.



Congrats!

One year later, what has Forsyth's teacher of the year learned? [Read the article here from Herr Strecker!](#)



Congrats to Jennifer Riley, McEachern High School's January Teacher of the Month! Jennifer teaches AP Spanish Language and Culture and Spanish 2! We are proud of you Mrs. Riley!

Programs Spotlight

2nd Annual Georgia Statewide World Language Job Fair a Great Success!

The 2nd Annual Georgia Statewide World Language Job Fair was a great success! The job fair is the only one of its kind in the nation and this year featured nearly 30 systems and schools recruiting and interviewing talent in a number of languages. Sessions from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission on certification pathways and from Georgia State University's Dual Language Immersion Endorsement program were also well attended. This year, the number of potential candidates attending nearly quadrupled and we look forward to expanding this event in the years ahead.

Special thank you to all the systems and schools and candidates for coming. If you missed the job fair but are looking for work as a world language educator, please reach out to us at pwallace@doe.k12.ga.us.



24th Annual French Immersion Weekend

Over 70 students and teachers from all over the state came together last weekend at the FFA FCCLA Center for the 34th annual French Immersion camp. It was an amazing time for everyone. Students collaborated on theater pieces, showed off their musical talents, cooked, learned about French impressionism, created their own master pieces and much more all in French. For 14 students it was their second time attending the camp. When asked why they chose to come back they stated, making new friends, using their French and our awesome BOUM (party) as the reasons why. We hope even more people will join in the fun in 2020 for our 35th French Immersion camp. More details to come soon.



Gen-J Trip to Japan!

McIntosh High School has been selected by the Japan America Society of Georgia as one of three schools in the state to participate in the society's first annual Gen-J Atlanta High School trip to Japan. The other schools are Cambridge High and Milton High. Juniors and Seniors were encouraged to apply for an all expense paid trip to Japan. During their trip to Japan, the students will visit several cities including Tokyo, Hiroshima and Kyoto, along with site visits to the Nissan plant, a ramen museum, a school, and other cultural sites. Congratulations to all participating students!

Programs Spotlight

Académie Nancy-Metz Students visit McEachern HS!

The Georgia Department of Education recently celebrated another successful exchange. The program which began in 2012, is supported through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Georgia Department of Education and the Academy Nancy Metz. This time French students from Nancy-Metz were hosted by the teachers and students at McEachern High School in Cobb county. The group included 12 students and 2 Chaperones that stayed with host families and teachers from the community for the duration of their stay which began with their arrival on February 8th and included a farewell breakfast on March 1st at which the French Consul General, the honorable Mr. Louis de Corail, and Mr. Richard Woods, Superintendent of Georgia Schools, each spoke about the importance of such exchanges in building bridges between our nations and communities and the many positive outcomes for students who are involved in opportunities like these.



International Spanish Academy at Walton High School!



Walton High School in Cobb county opened its International Spanish Academy (ISA) in the fall of 2009. The academy is sponsored by the Ministry of Education of Spain with the mission: To promote the language and culture of Spain and of the many Spanish speaking countries. ISA students take two classes each day in Spanish during all four years of high school. Each year a content area course is offered in Spanish in addition to the Spanish courses. ISA students study AP Spanish Literature in their senior year. ISA students receive a diploma from the Ministry of Education of Spain and a special stole to wear in the Walton graduation ceremony.

Video DLI Diary visits Sprayberry High School to explore Bilingual Education.

This February we took our cameras to visit the Bilingual International Spanish Language Academy at Sprayberry High School! The video will be coming soon! At Sprayberry High School students who successfully complete the ISLA program earn diplomas from both the United States and Spain; the [Spanish International Diploma](#) is the only officially accredited Spanish-Language qualification issued by the Ministry of Education, Social Policies, and Sports of Spain. Most commonly referred to as the "DELE", or ([Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera](#)), the diploma is internationally recognized by private companies, chambers of commerce, and public and private educational systems and centers.

Programs Spotlight

Georgia Chinese Language Educators Annual Meeting.



On Feb 2nd, Chinese educators from across Georgia came to the Glen Abby Clubhouse to jointly usher in the Year of the Pig. The 2019 GCLE annual meeting featured: Fun Kahoot game featuring content from the GCLE annual report, including prizes for the winners, Presented the 2019 GCLE Teacher of the Year award to Mrs. Yan He, Presented the Outstanding Service Award to Mei Gao, Presented the Star Student Awards, Swap Shop and delicious catered food from Yifan Restaurant.

Global Youth Ambassador Program launches Passport to the World Challenge.

Study abroad should not only be accessible for wealthy Atlantans. The Global Youth Ambassadors Program seeks to fill a need. Mr. John Eaves, former Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, launches the *Passport to the World Challenge*, which aims to provide 250 high school students in metro Atlanta with a free passport and an opportunity to participate in a global leadership experience. For more information on the Passport to the World Challenge and how to get involved, go to the Global Youth Ambassadors Program website at www.gyaprogram.org



Georgia is featured in Program Profile with the Asia Society.

[Georgia is featured in this month's Chinese language programs profile with the Asia society.](#) During the 2017–18 school year, 7,107 Georgia Students from 57 districts were enrolled in Chinese language courses. Of those enrolled during the 2017–18 school year, 135 students took courses via virtual school, dual enrollment, or software programs. In 2018, according to [College Board statistics](#), 181 Georgia Students took the AP Chinese Language & Culture exam with a mean score of 4.34. In 2018, 23 students from 6 districts earned the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy in Chinese.



Programs Spotlight

Former German Student studying in Germany!

Guten Tag! I'm Erin. I graduated from South Forsyth High School in 2016 and from Kennesaw State University in 2018. In high school, I took AP German because I heard that it was good prep for college and that it could replace a course if I did well enough on the exam. In college, I was able to apply the credit, which helped me graduate in 2.5 years (and save lots of money!!). Now I'm in Germany, where I've been accepted to my dream program at an amazing university. I've been dealing with difficult German bureaucracy and trying to prove my language abilities; they wouldn't accept my KSU degree, in which I studied the German language and culture, or the German language exam that I took in college, called the OPIc, as proof. Finally, I saw something online. Germany's Kultusministerkonferenz accepts the AP German Exam as proof of language abilities to study at a German university. I wrote a kind email to my university and attached my AP German Score Report, asking if they will take it as proof. Less than an hour later, I received an email back that confirmed, yes, the AP German Exam shows my language efficiency and I am allowed to study at their university. I won't have to take a language exam before being allowed to study (which also saves a lot more money). I'm so grateful for my high school German teachers who helped me get to where I am today. Danke schön, Frau Claus-Nix und Herr Strecker! If you get anything from reading this: Students, take AP courses. You don't even know where it might help you out later in life. And parents, encourage your kids to take AP courses if not only for the educational enrichment, then for the money saving reasons! They'll thank you later.



Multicultural Night at North Springs Charter High School!

On February 7, North Springs Charter High School in Fulton county's world language and ESOL departments held their annual Multicultural Night event with performances, food, and activities from all over the world. The evening began with performances in their theater, and they had dances from Jamaica, China, Hawaii, and Venezuela, as well as a song from Latin America. They then transitioned to their cafeteria where they had displays and food from over 80 countries. While students, parents, and teachers walked around eating and learning about the different cultures, they also had a drumming group performing from a local dance company, Global Dance. In addition, the attendees could get their names written on a bookmark in Russian, Hebrew, Arabic, Chinese, and/or Korean, all done by current students. And for the first time ever, They had a current student who did henna designs as well. The school's Spanish National Honor Society sold bracelets for the Pulsera Project at the event to raise money for education in Nicaragua and Guatemala. They had over 500 in attendance at our event for the fifth year in a row!



Updated Calendar

Upcoming World Language Events to be aware of....

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| March 8-9 | FLAG Conference in Augusta |
| March 7-9 | NABE Conference in Florida |
| March 11th | CI Workshop available at Hopewell MS on March 11th. More information and registration here. |
| March 11-15 | #LearnPortugueseInGa – Portuguese Focus Week |
| March 12 th -15 th | International TESOL Conference in Atlanta |
| March 16th | FLAG Metro Spoken Language Contest (Levels 1 -AP) will be held on Saturday, March 16, at McEachern HS. Register via this link. |
| March 21-23 rd | SCOLT Conference in Myrtle Beach |
| April 1-5 | #LearnArabicInGa – Arabic Focus Week |
| April 8-10 | #LearnRussianInGa – Russian Focus Week |
| April 10 | World Language K-20 Articulations Team Online Meeting |
| April 9 th | GaDOE WL University/College Advisory Board Meeting Online 1-2pm |
| April 11 th – 12 th | Georgia World Language Leadership Institute See draft schedule here. Register here. |
| April 15 th | Deadline to report International Skills Diploma Seals Deadline to submit STAR ISDS Students via this link |
| April 23 rd | ISDS Awards Ceremony at the Georgia Department of Education |
| April 25 th – 27 th | Annual Atlanta Global Studies Symposium |
| April 27 th | FLAG FLES contest at Warren T. Jackson ES |
| May 1 st | Deadline to report Seal of Biliteracy needs for Graduation |
| May 6-10 | #LearnChineseInGa – Chinese Focus Week |
| May 13-17 | #LearnJapaneseInGa – Japanese Focus Week |
| June 16 th – July 17 th | GHP Program at Berry College |
| June 24-27 | AP Workshops at Sprayberry HS Find out more and register here. |
| July 24 th – 31 st | STARTALK Multi-State Pathways to Teaching Institute |
| July 1st | Deadline for proposals for GADII |
| Aug 24th | Ga's Dual Language Immersion Institute (GADII) Register free via this link! Call for proposals: Deadline for Proposals in Monday, July 1 st Please submit your proposal via this link! |

Updated Job Openings

Atlanta Public Schools has the following openings:

German: In collaboration with the German American Cultural Foundation, APS will launch German language programs in TWO schools in 2019-2020. The positions for both schools will be part-time until the programs are able to sustain full-time teaching positions. The schools are D.M. Therrell High School and Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy. Interested applicants should apply online at <https://bit.ly/2EH8FD6>

Spanish Dual Language Immersion:

There are a few openings for K-5 DLI program for the 2019-2020 school year as our program roll up a grade level. Candidates must hold certification and/or degree in Elementary Education and be able to demonstrate Spanish proficiency at the Advanced-Mid or higher range in speaking and in writing. Interested candidates should apply online at <https://bit.ly/2UfH556>

Spanish Teacher: There are openings for K-5 Spanish and for 6-12 Spanish. Interested candidates should apply online at <https://bit.ly/2EHTOZ5> (K-5) or <https://bit.ly/2XuIRBu> (6-12). Peachtree Ridge High School in **Gwinnett County Public Schools** has announced the following German position available for the 2019-2020 school year.

Qualified candidates may contact Peachtree Ridge Department Chair, Melanie Hutsell for further information. Candidates should also complete an application file in the GCPS application database at <http://publish.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/gcps/home/public/employment>

Please contact Ms. Hutsell at melanie_hutsell@gwinnett.k12.ga.us for more information.

Forsyth County

Spanish DLI Teacher at Brandywine, Cumming, and Kelly Mill Elementary. [Please see job announcement here.](#)

Liberty County Schools has a High School Spanish Teacher Vacancy at Bradwell Institute. To apply, please visit - <https://libertyga.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>

Clayton County Public Schools is expanding world language options for the 2019-2020 school year. Openings: Chinese K-5, Arabic 9-12, French 6-8, and Spanish 9-12. The district offers a competitive salary and benefits package for teachers. Please send resumes to Dr. Chantal Normil, Director. (Chantal.normil@clayton.k12.ga.us)

Lowndes High School near Valdosta Ga is in need of a long-term sub (for Spanish) for the end of next semester. Interested candidates should contact the school directly. <https://hs.lowndes.k12.ga.us/>

Manchester High School in Manchester, GA (*Meriwether County Schools*) is seeking a Spanish Teacher. Please see [job posting here](#) for details or contact Mrs. Sheila Wilson for details at sheila.wilson@mcssga.org



We had a great time sharing with the wonderful WL teachers in Richmond county this month!

Updated Job Openings

Clarke County has a full time Spanish vacancy (grades 6 and 7) at Hilsman Middle School in the Clarke County School District. <https://ccsdjobs.hrmpplus.net/JobOpenings.aspx> Questions can be emailed to: careers@clarke.k12.ga.us

Cobb county

A German teaching position is open in Cobb County at North Cobb HS. [More information is available here.](#)

Wesley International Academy is currently seeking highly qualified full-time Middle School Chinese teacher. To apply, please send a resume and a cover letter to Anthony.Chung@wesleyacademy.org

Savannah Chatham Schools is seeking up to 3 Spanish teachers to start off the new year in January! Find out more and apply via this link. <https://wsavlocal.com/teach-savannah/>

Spanish teacher opening at **Alexander High School** in Douglasville, Georgia. This position needs to be filled as soon as possible. Please contact Nathan.Hand@dcssga.org.

The International Charter School of Atlanta is seeking a German immersion teacher for next school year. If interested, please contact barbara.wiren@icsatlanta.org



A big thank you to Mrs. Conner and Mr. Sodjago for your amazing work at McEachern! State, District and School working as one team to create opportunities for students!

Useful Links for Language Educators & Related Local News

New DLI Guidance and updates are now posted on the Curriculum and Instruction main page! <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/default.aspx?fbclid=IwAR1RWQKyghdnTYg0IbzpcHNZgLGiO16ppwKxxSURpmVUSKRaeFI8UTcu-I>

International & Foreign language Annual report. <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/2017ifleanualreport.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3IOIx9Ybljj8rgXWnqHn6j1jvr3q9js3t8jx-XQIJLwcCJ9Tu-6E3aVNg>

FLAIR - The Foreign Language Academic Alliance for International Rapport has published a new newsletter! [See it here!](#)

Empowering student growth and tracking student proficiency with data boards https://laprofeadoradeldadillo.wordpress.com/2019/02/09/empowering-student-growth-tracking-proficiency-through-data-boards/?fbclid=IwAR3XXiCxaum9stiEb0nrfKqyxYWy10wC5U4v1ZpFQ_UDtOLPR5YOM_cnEw

Why study abroad should not only be available for wealthy Atlantans. <https://www.globalatlanta.com/why-studying-abroad-shouldnt-only-be-for-wealthy-atlantans-2/?fbclid=IwAR3qA7gfaHycmwFUtgmdpqtCPF9WjP0WqPxZlpRTTtoSWgLOqfimNuC5YqI>

Congratulations to [Agnes Scott College](#) for winning the IIE Andrew Heiskell Award for innovation in International education. “To thrive in the global economy, students need access to international experiences during their college career,” said Clare Overmann, head of IIE’s Higher Education Initiatives. “We congratulate this year’s Heiskell Award winners for their outstanding success in providing new and innovative international education opportunities to their students.” [Find out more here.](#)

Need to satisfy a language requirement or just interested in learning another language? The Summer Language Institute at UNG is open to all college students and you can earn 8 credits in 6 weeks studying Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Russian. March 15 deadline. [Find out more via this link.](#)

One year later, what has Forsyth’s teacher of the year learned? [Read the article here from Herr Strecker!](#)



Japanese Consulate of Atlanta celebrates 45 years!

First KIA Telluride is shipped out from West Ga plant http://gaports.com/media/press-releases/artmid/3569/articleid/220/first-kia-telluride-crosses-brunswick-docks/fbclid/iwar3ga_1v-srqgeohaytzduciaymjgqxqcrsakt2u3ledwgxyglnct4pnjdw

Japanese Consulate in Atlanta celebrates 45 years! <https://www.globalatlanta.com/gov-kemp-joins-in-celebration-of-the-45th-anniversary-of-japans-consulate/>

World Language Links from February

In the Southeast, Georgia leads the region with 22 percent of students studying another language in school. Patrick Wallace from the Georgia Department of Education explains how Georgia became No. 1 in language education – and why it matters. [Hear the interview here.](#)

[Local Author is highlighted for her book, 3,585 Miles to be an American Girl](#), in a recent article by DualLanguageSchools.org. Local Author, Mrs. Nury Crawford has been an educator and advocate for children for over 20 years. She is currently the Director of Academic Support for Gwinnett County Public Schools in Georgia and is proud to be the President of the Georgia Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents. [Read the article here.](#)

Bilingual students more likely to succeed and go to college https://www.wacotrib.com/news/education/expert-bilingual-students-more-likely-to-succeed-in-school-go/article_8e89bc13-f662-5110-b3de-889d411d9d0a.html

Walking the bilingualism tightrope https://www.newamerica.org/weekly/edition-235/walking-bilingualism-tightrope/?fbclid=IwAR0AmnWpw_MOnEPJBP4GUKW-7mwln5S8x7vW6sgvgHvGbt6BmLY0xW_GdqY

Netflix greenlights first German films https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/netflix-greenlights-first-german-language-films-1183734?fbclid=IwAR0VJo9XxV9c5JkqZR08lhchrgNSDo49e_03bFHxIGOGUMZynXarilyzFk

Learn a language while watching Netflix https://lifelifehacker.com/learn-a-new-language-while-watching-netflix-1832564649?fbclid=IwAR2cTZSK2wexjP9LyxvXnYVL04fA8QDQDBMTXfMMiXdkFDfJoD_lus-a-ts

Bilingual babies focus better <https://www.languagemagazine.com/2019/02/16/bilingual-babies-focus-better/>

Why is bilingualism framed as an asset for some and not for others? https://psmag.com/education/the-double-standard-of-bilingualism?fbclid=IwAR0HlfapabP3gfcXovfQDTI3edSDWioEVrD_040Kyl_e_X8Zl1epxj0E6AP0

Almost half speak a foreign language in America's largest cities <https://cis.org/Report/Almost-Half-Speak-Foreign-Language-Americas-Largest-Cities?fbclid=IwAR38xwpsXTsMTxhV6NbpdgTOqsShl5e12yHwDSevFfGsmByeVr2dx3RSClo>

Signing of the U.S.-Portugal Memorandum of Understanding To Establish a 12-Month Pilot Program To Build Intercultural Understanding and Provide Training at Innovative Organizations. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2019/02/289385.htm?fbclid=IwAR0uPXrm8rFFiCc8cLqMEBsnd3cXY7nIrP3CjWmYA7OTuPYE0FinvsD96iM>

Word order predicts native speakers working memory. <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/02/190204114641.htm?fbclid=IwAR1TKPhVK0rIFyPGaiBAoYVBGccpgTniuD38mk7ja0cxqZ2zoY1xAqe184c>

Foreign language skills are useful for real estate agents <https://www.timesunion.com/living/article/Foreign-language-skills-useful-for-real-estate-13598767.php>

Final Thoughts....

As we close out February, I want to leave you with this poem created by French and American Students, who participated in the annual exchange between the Académie Nancy-Metz France and the State of Georgia. This year, students from McEachern High School hosted 11 students from France as part of the exchange. At the farewell ceremony, this poem was read in French and in English to celebrate this opportunity and in its words, I hope you are reminded about the importance of the work we do every day and why we do it! Wishing you all the best!

“If you want to feel secure, do what you already know how to do. If you want to continue to grow, go to the cutting edge of your competence, which means a temporary loss of security” - Madeline Hunter 1987

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Friends Forever

Let's bring together our strength, hearts and our destiny.

Let's build together true friendships, to build a real and deep connection.

Let trust, honesty and loyalty bind us together, true friendships are always here for each other. Our friendships will overcome every challenge.

Together, hand in hand, we can overcome our troubles, and may our differences become our strengths.

We are not brothers and sisters by blood, but we are brothers and sisters through friendship. We share our happiness, sadness, and successes and may the time we spent together be cherished forever.