



Welcome to G-CASE

Special Education Leadership Development Academy
(SELDA)

The Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education

We are the Georgia Unit
of National CASE...

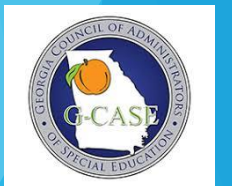
*The Council of Administrators of Special
Education, which is a Division of CEC, the
Council of Exceptional Children.*



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 (you!) who serve the students of Georgia.



G-CASE Leadership

- ▶ 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.



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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 (*you!*) at a regional, system, or building level, as well as college faculty involved in the preparation of administrators.



- ▶ There are **over 500** active members of G-CASE!
- ▶ The **Membership Year** goes from **July 1st to June 30th**.
- ▶ **Membership in G-CASE costs \$50/year.**

G-CASE Membership





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)



National Membership Costs

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: \$137.00.



Why Join G-CASE?





G-CASE offers two major conferences a year, including our Fall Conference in Savannah, a **Spring Legal Forum** featuring attorneys from Georgia and the nation; as well as “*Drive-In Conferences*” featuring timely presentations on trending topics.

G-CASE Promotes Professional Learning



Professional Learning Since COVID-19:

- ▶ **Three Collaborative Conversations with all G-CASE Members:**
 1. *Town Hall Meeting on COVID-19 (April 16, 2020)*
 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**
- ▶ **Monthly Lunch and Learn Webinars**
- ▶ **Three-day Spring Legal Forum (live in Athens and livestreamed)**



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent
"Educating Georgia's Future"

G-CASE partners with the Georgia Department of Education by co-sponsoring the **Special Education Leadership Development Academy (SELDA)** and other activities.

G-CASE Promotes Professional Learning for New Administrators of Special Education





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G-CASE also partners with the Georgia Department of Education by providing experienced **Mentors** to first-year Special Education Directors participating in SELDA.

Expect to hear from your Mentor soon!

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G-CASE will provide SELDA participants with a LEGAL ISSUES training during Fall Conference, featuring well-known education attorneys from Harben, Hartley, and Hawkins.

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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.

G-CASE Provides Input into State Policies and Practices that impact the quality of education, as well as...





...and in
Washington!



...Providing Our Voice into NATIONAL
Policies and Practices that Impact
Educational Outcomes for Our Students





President's Corner

Notes from the Executive Director

Greetings G-CASE Friends,

Stronger than Ever!



Well, it looks like we're almost there! We are quickly approaching June and slowly starting to enjoy some sense of normalcy. Despite the craziness of this past year, G-CASE has accomplished a lot and is stronger than ever **because of all of you.**

We are proud to share that many have provided positive feedback regarding our monthly webinars, our Spring Legal Conference was very successful...and... (insert drum roll)...G-CASE was awarded the **Communications Award** from National CASE **again** this year! What a year it turned out to be after all! I am thankful to end this year with G-CASE in a wonderful place and look forward to an even more productive year next year.

That said, as you all are planning to wrap up this school year, I ask that you please take (at least) a moment to reflect on/celebrate your own successes. I know you've all moved many mountains this year! Lastly, please hold November 17th-19th on your calendars for Fall Conference in Savannah. We are busy planning a spectacular conference for you - which already includes a special night hosted by TeachTown. Can't wait to see your beautiful, smiling faces.

-Tris



IN spite of, or maybe TO spite, this challenging year, G-CASE has emerged stronger than ever!

From professional learning opportunities (cultural responsiveness, strengthening virtual instruction, compensatory education, increasing achievement, keeping staff motivated, collaborative conversations, panel discussions, webinars, and even an actual conference) to legislative actions (remember those voucher bills that just kept coming?) to our ongoing loyal partnership with the GaDOE and GAEL, G-CASE has sought to communicate "all things special education" to you all year. And now, we are ready to share professional learning with a brand new group - the first cohort of the **G-CASE Special Education Administrator Development Academy**. And we are so excited!

We were (happily) overwhelmed by the 76 applications we received for the 25 spots in the Academy. We knew the need was out there and are so proud that G-CASE can support our member systems by offering this group the skills they need to move up to the next level. A rubric specific to the "ideal" candidate for the Academy was created, and each application was scored by a committee based on the rubric.

The excitement is building from our first group of selected teacher leaders and our G-CASE ADA (Administrator Development Academy) facilitators! We have state and national presenters scheduled throughout the year, along with G-CASE, CEC, and CASE memberships for each participant. You will have the opportunity to meet our first cohort at the G-CASE Fall Conference in Savannah in November and then share in our pride upon their "graduation" at the Spring Legal Forum in Athens in March. And... our fabulous partner Teach Town is sponsoring the Academy, so you know it will be special, fun, and memorable!

We can't wait!

-Saraf



Sarah Burbach

All G-CASE members receive our newsletter -- "G-CASE Comments" on a quarterly basis - full of information from attorneys, the GaDOE, national CASE, and local administrators.

G-CASE Communicates through discussion and publication information to improve services to exceptional students





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in the nation for
COMMUNICATING with
our members!

National CASE

*(Council of Administrators of Special
Education)*

Communication Award

2020

2021



G-CASE is one of the founding organizations for the **Georgia Dyslexia Collaborative**, a group representing school and system-level leadership, along with teachers, SLPs, and School Psychologists preparing for the implementation of the new SST/Dyslexia State Board Rule. **Three Drive-In Conferences held across the state will be held this Fall on this important and timely topic!**

G-CASE Provides Opportunities for Research into Innovative Practices





This June, G-CASE welcomed 30 teachers to take part in our newest initiative -the **Special Education Administrator Development Academy (ADA)** -- providing training based on CEC/CASE curriculum standards for teachers interested in becoming future special education leaders.

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Coming in January...



A special **Drive-In
Conference** for
*Coordinators, Program
Managers/Specialists:*

SO YOU THINK YOU
WANT TO BE A SPECIAL
EDUCATION DIRECTOR!

Registration begins in early
December!

G-CASE:

Leadership

Professional Learning

Advocacy

Communication

Research and Innovation
and Support...

to improve services

to children with special needs





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**Join with your
Fall Conference
registration!**