

World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives

For our students to succeed in a global economy, they will need to possess a new set of skills that were not required for the success of prior generations of Americans. Regional expertise, cross-cultural competence, and advanced language proficiency are no longer skills reserved only for those who plan for a career overseas - they are skills that will enhance any career field, encourage international investment to our state, and develop a workforce that is successful in working on diverse international teams to collaborate and solve global problems. At the Georgia Department of Education, we not only recognize this need, but are working to provide programs that are designed to encourage the attainment of these skills that are growing in importance as Georgia's international and global connections expand.

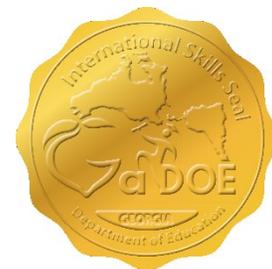
Georgia's Seal of Biliteracy



Since its establishment in May of 2016, the Seal of Biliteracy in Georgia has been rapidly expanding. Nationwide, 36 states currently recognize students with high proficiency in a second language as an important career-ready skill. At the close of the 2016-2017 school year, Georgia students earned 1,133 seals in 26 participating districts in 7 languages. At the close of the 2017-2018 school year, this number nearly doubled, increasing to 2,125 seals in 33 districts in 11 languages. [Learn more about the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy.](#)

Georgia's International Skills Diploma Seal

The International Skills Diploma Seal is awarded to graduating high school students who complete an international education curriculum and engage in extracurricular activities and experiences that foster the achievement of global competencies. It is a signal to employers and higher education institutions that a student is prepared to participate in the global economy. The International Skills Diploma Seal, established in May 2015, now has 97 participating high schools. A total of 922 seals have been awarded to Georgia students. [Learn more about the International Skills Diploma Seal.](#)



Georgia's Dual Language Immersion Initiative



Dual-Language Immersion programs are increasingly popular for domestic and international workers relocating to the Atlanta area. Many workers for international companies may come for only a short time before transitioning back to their home countries. Having DLI programs in their heritage languages provides an economic asset to our state and region. Additionally, as DLI programs expand around the U.S., families and workers from other states are seeking programs where their children can continue this model of education. We interviewed fourth-grade students, who have been learning other

languages since kindergarten as part of our [Video DLI Diary](#). Currently, Georgia has 53 programs available in 5 different languages with new programs opening next year in Korean. [See their current locations](#) For more information on these programs, please [visit the Dual Language Immersion Initiative](#).

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