



Georgia Department of Education

# Curriculum & Instruction Updates

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## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

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### Draft Standards for Fine Arts

On February 16, 2018, the State Board of Education granted permission to post the draft Georgia Standards of Excellence for the following Fine Arts content areas for [public review and comment](#).

- Dance
- Music
- Media Arts for Dance
- Media Arts for Music
- Media Arts for Theatre
- Theatre Technology

## FINE ARTS

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### GSE for Dance, Music, and Media Arts for the Performing Arts Public Input Survey

The Draft Georgia Standards of Excellence for Dance, Music, and Media Arts for the Performing Arts will be available for public input from February 19 to March 20, 2018 on [GeorgiaStandards.Org](http://GeorgiaStandards.Org). We encourage teachers, administrators, parents, students, community partners, arts organizations, and teaching artists to provide input on the new standards.

- [Review New Standards and Take Survey](#)

## GEORGIA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

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### Credit Recovery Program

The GaDOE Credit Recovery Program gives students who did not initially succeed in obtaining course credit the opportunity to retake a course to earn credit toward graduation. Credit Recovery courses have flexible schedules and are not facilitated by a teacher. The Credit Recovery Program allows students who have completed seat-time and calendar requirements to earn credit based on competency of the content standards. Credit Recovery courses are complete courses, aligned to state standards, for which the student will demonstrate mastery before receiving a grade. The Credit Recovery Program offers core courses and limited electives required for graduation from a Georgia public high school. The program is provided free to participating Georgia public high school students for all first-time enrollments and is also available to Georgia private high school students for a fee. For additional program information, contact Kristen Shepherd ([kristen.shepherd@gavirtualschool.org](mailto:kristen.shepherd@gavirtualschool.org)).

## MATHEMATICS

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### What Georgia's Mathematics Leaders Need to Know

The State Mathematics Advisory Council prepared a communication surrounding Georgia's current K-12 Mathematics initiatives to provide Georgia's mathematics leaders with a clear and consistent shared message.

- [Read the State Mathematics Advisory Council Message](#)



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## WORLD LANGUAGES & GLOBAL WORKFORCE INITIATIVES

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### Georgia's First Dual Language Immersion Workshop



Georgia's first "Dual Language Immersion in a Day" professional workshop was a great success! With more than 160 registered attendees and more than 17 different sessions from educators and administrators, the program provided a rich variety of informative insights from practitioners and program administrators, including a well-attended session on Georgia State University's new Immersion Endorsement Certificate. A special thanks to our hosts, presenters, vendors and our visitors from other states!

- [Register for Event](#)

### Nation's First Statewide World Language Teacher Job Fair

On Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to noon, Georgia will host the nation's first World Language Statewide Job Fair at Whitewater High School in Fayetteville. Members of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission will be on hand to answer certification questions as well as representatives of the Georgia Department of Education. All Georgia public-school districts with open positions are invited to attend and interested job seeking candidates will have the opportunity to talk with representatives from participating school systems. Representatives will also be present to answer questions about the new Dual Immersion Early Childhood Education Endorsement Program.

### International Skills Diploma Seal Program Expands

Georgia's innovative International Skills Diploma Seal, a program which was launched in response to the need from Georgia's business community to identify students who have engaged in an internationally focused curriculum, is now in its third year of implementation. We are proud to announce that 16 new high schools in Georgia have been approved to offer this important seal to their students! As Georgia's international connections continue to expand, this program is becoming even more relevant for our students! Additionally, the [list of pre-approved courses](#) has been expanded and is now available on our website.

### New Competitive Dual Language Immersion Grant

The Georgia Department of Education World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives is proud to announce a competitive grant application for all current public school PK-8 Dual Language Immersion Programs in Georgia. The grants, which are made possible through funds collected in partnership with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education, seek to identify current statewide best practices, identify areas of common challenge, and provide financial support toward grant proposals that strive toward excellence.

### Location of Georgia's Premier Dual Language Immersion Summer Institute

Georgia's 5th Annual Dual Language Immersion Institute will be on July 17 and 18 at Douglas County High School. This year's theme is "Partnering for Success: Sharing Best Practices and Learning and Leading Together." We invite anyone interested in immersion education to attend and extend a special invitation to our English Partner Teachers in DLI programs across the state to share your best practices and tips for success.

- [Registration](#)
- [Submit a Proposal](#)

[Read Additional World Languages Updates](#)

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY

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### Save the Dates: 2018 Summer L4 Literacy Institutes

The Literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading (L4) team will host a series of professional learning opportunities during summer 2018. This year's summer institutes will feature a series of presentations on evidence-based practices for reading and writing in grades K through 12. Presenters will provide research and evidence for creative and effective ways to increase student achievement.

We have scheduled the events around the state:

- June 11 - 12 - Valdosta, GA
- June 14 - 15 - Savannah, GA
- June 25 - 26 - Macon, GA
- July 12 - 13 - Cartersville, GA
- July 16 - 17 - Athens, GA

Registration will be limited to 250-300 attendees (depending upon the venue) and will open in March. Further details on registration, agenda, speakers, and more will be published on our website, shared via email and published in our Curriculum and Instruction Newsletter by March 30.

For questions and/or information, email [literacy4GA@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:literacy4GA@doe.k12.ga.us).



## SCIENCE

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### Survey for the Review of 12 High School Science GPS Courses

The Georgia Department of Education welcomes your feedback and comments regarding a survey opportunity for the review of the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) for the following 12 high school science courses: Astronomy, Botany, Ecology, Entomology, Epidemiology, Forensic Science, Geology, Human Anatomy and Physiology, Meteorology, Microbiology, Oceanography, and Zoology. This survey feedback will be used to inform the development of Science Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for these courses.

**The survey will close on March 2 at 5 p.m.**

We ask for your assistance in communicating this survey opportunity to your high school science teachers, administrators, parents, and other education stakeholders.

- [Access the Standards and Survey](#)

If you have questions regarding the survey or standards, please contact Amanda Buice, Science Program Manager, [abuice@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:abuice@doe.k12.ga.us).

### New Science Resources on GSO

Visit the [GSE Science webpage on GeorgiaStandards.Org](#) as new resources for science content and instruction are uploaded. K-4 curriculum guides are up!

### Connect to Science

If you have not joined the Science Edweb community for curriculum directors and science leaders, [please do so](#). Also, GaDOE Science is on Twitter, [follow us @GaDOEScience](#).

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## TEACHER & LEADER SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT

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### Upcoming PQ/ ESSA In-Field Training

The GaDOE Title II, Part A team has worked in collaboration with GaDOE Data Collections and GaPSC Technology Staff to develop updates to data reporting as it relates to ESSA In-Field Reporting.

- [View Webinar](#)

In March, Title II, Part A will host a series of regional PQ/ESSA In-Field training sessions for LEA PQ contacts. This half-day training is designed as a deep dive into understanding PQ/ESSA In-Field, exploring various scenarios and common challenges. It will help participants identify how they can support their LEAs' hiring and assignment practices and determine what steps they should take as we draw closer to the first year of reporting "out-of-field" teachers in Georgia.

- [Register for Regional Series](#)
- [Register for Webinar](#)

Individuals who work with the ESSA In-Field report (formerly HiQ) are encouraged to take part in the webinar series that focuses on portal navigation, common questions, and records disputation. Links to recordings can be found on the PQ/ESSA In-Field webpage.

- [Register for Remaining Session](#)

### TKES/LKES Platform Update

The TKES and LKES Component Rating containers are open for the 2017-2018 school year. The TKES/LKES plans will be available until June 15, 2018.

### Rating of LKES Combination of Additional Data Component

In the LKES Component Rating container, one visible component is the "Combination of Additional Data." This component will be OPTIONAL for the 2017-2018 school year. In order to rate this component, the results of Achievement Gap Reduction, Beating the Odds, and/or CCRPI data are utilized.

Due to changes in CCRPI as a result of GaDOE's ESSA Plan, we have delayed formulating definitive guidance regarding this component. Therefore, districts have the option of combining, at their discretion, one or more data (CCRPI, Gap Reduction, and Beating the Odds) and rating the component OR simply not rating the component this school year. Definitive guidance will be published in the 2018-2019 LKES Handbook.

### TLSD Platform Transitioning to LDS

We would like to formally announce that beginning in July 2018, the TLSD Electronic Platform will be moving into the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). The look and feel will be similar but the streamlined functionality will reduce the number of clicks and ensure a more intuitive and user-friendly experience. Update training is scheduled in all 16 RESAs beginning in June.

### TLSD Releasing New Modules

Four modules will be released in the month of February. Two of the modules support the PSC recertification renewal requirements entitled: Professional Learning Plan: A Guide for Teachers and Professional Learning Plans and Professional Learning Goals: A Guide for Contributing Professionals. The other two modules were created to address LEA requests for a deeper support for teachers in understanding ratings on observations. The title of these modules are Teacher Keys Effectiveness System Inter-Rater Reliability Module 1 and Module 2: A Guide for Teachers.

### Optimizing Evaluation Training

Based on the feedback received at the Data Conference "Deeper Dive" presentation this year, the TLSD Team decided to reconfigure the training and it is entitled Optimizing Evaluation. Participants may sign up for the Optimizing Evaluation training on the TLSD platform and will be offered in February and March.

- [Read More](#)

### P-20 Collaboratives Registration

Through partnership with GaPSC and USG, nine regional P-20 Collaboratives convene two times a year. Access [additional information and registration links for upcoming meetings here](#).

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## SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

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### 2018 Institute Designed for Educating All Students (IDEAS) Conference

June 5 to 8, 2018  
Epworth by the Sea  
St. Simons Island, GA

Special Education and General Education teachers, you are invited to attend Georgia's only teacher conference supporting the education of students with disabilities: IDEAS 2018, showcasing excellence in the field. Come to expand your knowledge and professional development through expert educational sessions, discover the latest in products and systems, and share your own expertise.

IDEAS Conference is the place to learn about advances in education application, stay on top of best practices and trends, and network with others who, like you, make a difference in the lives of students.

- [Additional Information](#)
- [Registration](#)
- [Submit Proposal](#)

## ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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### Assessment Upcoming Dates

#### State Testing Windows

- 1/29/2018 to 3/09/2018 NAEP Assessment
- 2/12/2018 to 2/23/2018 GA Milestones EOC Mid-Month Admin
- 3/02/2018 to 3/02/2018 ACCESS for ELs Window Closes
- 3/09/2018 to 3/09/2018 NAEP Window Closes
- 3/12/2018 to 3/23/2018 GA Milestones EOC Mid-Month Admin

#### State Testing Windows (Continued)

- 3/23/2018 to 3/23/2018 GAA Window Closes
- 4/09/2018 to 5/18/2018 GA Milestones EOG Main Admin
- 4/23/2018 to 6/01/2018 GA Milestones EOC Main Admin
- 5/07/2018 to 5/18/2018 AP Admin
- 5/11/2018 to 5/11/2018 GKIDS Administration Window Closes
- 5/14/2018 to 7/20/2018 Grades 3,5, & 8 Summer EOG Retest
- 6/18/2018 to 7/20/2018 GA Milestones EOC Summer Admin

#### Assessment Training and Webinars Remaining

- 2/27/2018 EOG/EOC Pre-Admin Training
- 2/28/2018 GKIDS Mid-Admin Training
- 3/01/2018 EOG/EOC Pre-Admin Training (Live repeat)
- 3/06/2018 EOG/EOC Online Test Set-up Training
- 3/13/2018 EOG/EOC Online Test Set-up Training (Live repeat)
- 5/10/2018 Alt ACCESS for ELs Post-Admin
- 5/15/2018 ACCESS for ELs Post-Admin
- 5/30/2018 GA Milestones Central Office Services
- 6/05/2018 GAA Post-Admin