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State Board of Education Updates

Dual Enrollment - Move On When Ready (MOWR)

The State Board of Education (SBOE) adopted the new Dual Enrollment - Move On When Ready Rule on July 14, 2016. SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.34 DUAL ENROLLMENT – MOVE ON WHEN READY will replace the current dual enrollment rule and will be in compliance with the “Move On When Ready Act” as stated in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-161.3 and O.C.G.A. § 20-2-149.2. The Move On When Ready Act enacted by the 2015 General Assembly of Georgia expanded dual enrollment opportunities for students in grades 9-12. The Rule title is changing from “Dual Enrollment” to “Dual Enrollment – Move on When Ready.” Rule Highlights:

- Georgia public school, private school, and home school students enrolled in grades 9-12 may participate in MOWR.
- The new MOWR program includes financial assistance for postsecondary tuition, mandatory fees, and books. Eligible students may participate part-time or full-time at multiple institutions every term, including the summer term.
- College courses are selected from the MOWR course directory.
- In order to participate, students must apply and be accepted in a participating postsecondary institution (Technical College System of Georgia, University System of Georgia, or Georgia private institutions).

Note: The new Rule will become effective 20 days after adoption, therefore, it will be the week of July 25 before the new Rule can be posted. If you need to review the adopted Rule beforehand, you can access the [SBOE July 14 meeting minutes on eboard](#).

The State Board of Education authorized the State School Superintendent to post State Board Rules 160-4-4-.10 LEARNING RESOURCES SELECTION AND RECOMMENDATION AND

160-4-4-.20 LEARNING RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE for 30 days of public review and comment. These rules are being amended in compliance with House Bill 739 from the 2016 legislative session. See below for additional information under **Instructional Materials** on page 3 from Randall Lee.

- [Provide Feedback for the SBOE Proposed Rulemakings](#)

2016 Fall Curriculum Directors' Conference

The GaDOE Annual Curriculum Directors' Conference on September 21 is followed by the Fall GACIS Conference on September 22-23. Training for New Curriculum Directors/Leaders is set for September 20.

Location:

Classic Center Conference Center
300 North Thomas St, Athens, GA 30601

School Superintendent Richard Woods will provide opening remarks followed by Professional Learning for the new Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for Science and Social Studies.

Additional conference presentations topics include:

- School Climate
- PBIS
- Open Educational Resources
- Virtual Field Trips
- Science and Social Studies GSE

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MATHEMATICS

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2016-2017 K-12 Mathematics Resource Toolkit

The 2016-2017 K-12 Mathematics Resource Toolkit has just been posted thanks to an awesome team of Georgia mathematics educators from across our state!!

- [Access New Resources](#)

Major additions and enhancements were made to our K-5 resources, including videos of Georgia elementary classrooms, diagnostic and intervention strategies, and parent unit-by-unit letters. The Foundations of Algebra resource toolkit has been expanded to include a virtual professional learning series for teachers as they deliver the five course modules, along with revisions to the course overview, course modules, and course/module assessments. Course materials and a student manual were added as many of our districts introduce College Readiness Mathematics in 2016-2017.

Mathematics Graduation Guidance 2016-2017 and Move On When Ready (MOWR) Frequently Asked Questions documents, along with additional support documents for school/district leaders, parents, and students, are posted for your reference on the [GaDOE Mathematics Webpage](#).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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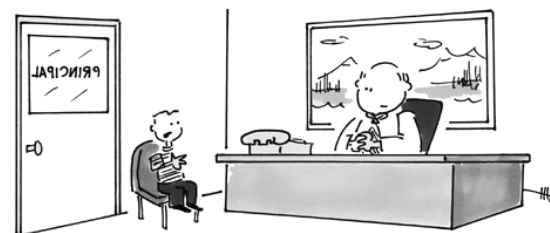
Building a Culture of Writing

This fall, the GaDOE ELA team will launch a seven-month literacy series entitled Collaborative Conversations for Building a Culture of Writing. This interactive online series is designed to build teachers' capacity for writing instruction while cultivating a culture of writing. Teachers in grades K-5 and 6-12 will work through seven uniquely designed sessions, where researchers and classroom teachers share evidence-based writing practices and show what those practices look like in a real classroom. By connecting practice to theory, this series will answer questions about writing instruction, engage teachers in professional growth, impact instructional practice, and ultimately, cultivate a culture of writing.

The [series](#) begins September 2016 and is offered in three tiers for teachers/schools/districts to customize the professional learning to meet their unique needs. To start the registration process, [complete the linked form](#). Once you submit the form, you will be added to our mailing list and will receive periodic reminders about the series.

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Instructional Materials (Formerly Known as Learning Resources/Textbooks)

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In previous years, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has conducted a review of textbook/instructional materials for core curriculum courses. The process was based on a six year staggered schedule. Publishers submitted materials for consideration. Evaluation sites, one in each congressional district, were open in the summer so educators and the general public could view and evaluate the materials and submit comments to an advisory committee. Based on the recommendations from the advisory committee, the State Board of Education (SBOE) voted to approve a list of resources aligned to the State Board of Education adopted standards for a particular content area.

During the 2016 legislative session, laws related to textbook adoption were revised to allow for the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to opt out of this role and leave adoption decisions up to local school districts. The revised legislation to the Georgia Code can be found in House Bill 739. Currently, the GaDOE is considering how to support districts in evaluating high quality programs without being part of the formal, facilitated adoption, and review process.

In addition, during the months of July and August 2016, we will be submitting amendments for our learning resources rules to the State Board of Education for public input and approval. The two specific State Board Rules are SBOE Rule 160-4-4-.10 (Learning Resources Selection and Recommendation) and SBOE Rule 160-4-4-.20 (Learning Resources Advisory Committee). These rules are being amended to comply with House Bill 739 that was enacted during the 2016 legislative session.

If you have any questions, you may contact Randall N. Lee at rlee@doe.k12.ga.us.

CTAE

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JROTC Updates

The second annual GA State JROTC Cross Service Meet that was originally scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2016, at Georgia Military College, will be rescheduled to another date later in the school year. As soon as that date is confirmed, the meet date and registration information will be emailed to all JROTC instructors across the state. The site will still remain at GMC. We hope you will plan on your unit being a participant this year.

Remedial Education (REP)

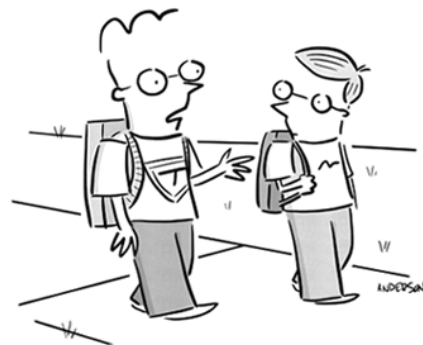
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The Remedial Education Program (REP) Guidance document has been updated to include the current assessment terminology. The Guidance document can be found by clicking on the link below or by contacting Randall N. Lee at rlee@doe.k12.ga.us.

- [More Information](#)

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INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

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#GoOpen with SLDS

Earlier this year, Georgia committed to being a #GoOpen state. What is #GoOpen? #GoOpen is an initiative to provide OER-Open Educational Resources to educators. While Georgia is already providing resources through the SLDS application, TRL-Teacher Resource Link, we have made the commitment to provide additional high quality, standards aligned, open, and free resources to teachers.

- [More information on #GoOpen](#)

Currently, Georgia is partnering with multiple entities to share content. Georgia has two great sources for resources: Georgia Virtual School and our Curriculum and Instruction team. These resources will be provided for teachers in the TRL.

#GoOpen is encouraging districts to participate as well. One step is to get Georgia sharing by using the LOR. Did you know that SLDS has an application where districts can upload and share District created content? I am looking for some districts that have created content and are willing to share that content with other districts via the Learning Object Repository within SLDS.

I have a team of experts who will help your district tag and load the content within the LOR at no charge. If your district is interested, please contact Angela Baker at anbaker@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-656-2135.

- [Training on SLDS and the Applications](#)

Let's get Georgia Sharing!

2016 FALL CURRICULUM DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE

Register now!



SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

- [Register Now](#)

Curriculum and Instruction Presenter Survey

Have you recently attended a presentation given by a member(s) of the Curriculum and Instruction Division at the Georgia Department of Education?

The Georgia Department of Education believes in continuous improvement and would appreciate your feedback to ensure the presentations we provide are of the highest quality and meet the needs of the specific audience. Access the QR code below to take the survey on your phone or tablet. All responses are anonymous.

- [Take a Survey](#)



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SOCIAL STUDIES

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Social Studies Leadership Training

The Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for Social Studies will be implemented beginning in school year 2017-2018. In an effort to support implementation of the Social Studies GSE, the GaDOE will conduct two-day trainings in September and October of 2016. This initial training is geared towards those responsible for rolling-out the Social Studies GSE training in their school system. Each school system, not school, may send two participants to the training. If larger systems are in need of additional slots, please contact Shaun Owen at sowen@doe.k12.ga.us. The same two-day training will be conducted at five locations across Georgia.

Site: Central Georgia Technical School in Warner Robins (Building W, Room 113)

Address: 80 Cohen Walker Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088

Point of Contact: Pam Knauer

Dates: Sept 15-16, 2016 (8:00-4:00)

- [Register](#)

Site: Richmond County Transportation Building

Address: 2950 Mike Padgett Highway, Augusta, GA 30906

Point of Contact: Mary Stout/Faith Hopkins

Dates: Sept 26-27, 2016 (8:00-4:00)

- [Register](#)

Site: Waycross City Auditorium

Address: 865 Pendleton Street, Waycross, GA 31501

Point of Contact: Cindy Hitt

Dates: Sept 29-30, 2016 (8:00-4:00)

- [Register](#)

Site: Booth Western Art Museum

Address: 501 Museum Drive, Cartersville, GA 30120

Point of Contact: Joy Hatcher

Dates: Oct. 3-4, 2016 (8:00-4:00)

- [Register](#)

Site: LaFayette Education Center in Fayette County

Address: 205 LaFayette Avenue Fayetteville, GA 30214

Point of Contact: Becky Ryckley

Dates: Oct. 6-7, 2016 (8:00-4:00)

- [Register](#)

Day 1 Training

Introduction to the Social Studies Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE)

- Brief description of the revision process
 - Crosswalk between the new social studies GSE and the current social studies GPS
 - Vertical Articulation of the social studies GSE
 - Resources and professional learning plan
- Changing Instruction
- Creating a narrative in inquiry based education
 - Creating guiding questions and supporting student inquiry
 - Incorporating enduring understandings

Day 2 Training

Impact on Instruction

- Deconstructing the standards
- Components of learning targets
- Creating learning targets for your narrative
- Rigor and DOK (Depth of Knowledge) in formative assessment and summative assessment
- Creating formative and summative assessment

If you have questions, please contact Shaun Owen at 404-975-7713 or sowen@doe.k12.ga.us or Joy Hatcher at 404-656-2093 or jhatcher@doe.k12.ga.us.

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COLLEGE READINESS

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AP Language and Literature Series

Upcoming webinars in the AP Language and Literature series:

- July 26, AP Language & Comp: Class Organization, Pacing, and Structure
- July 27, AP Literature & Comp: Class Organization, Pacing, and Structure
- August 30, AP Language & Comp: Reading Strategies
- August 31, AP Literature & Comp: Reading Strategies

We will send out registration links to our AP Lit/Lang teacher listserv a week before each webinar, but if you have questions or don't think you are on the listserv, please contact Bonnie Marshall:

bmarshall@doe.k12.ga.us.

All past webinars in this series are archived on our [webpage for AP Personnel](#). Just scroll to the bottom of this page and you will find all the links to past webinar recordings and related documents.

GEORGIA VIRTUAL SCHOOL

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Fall 2016 Registration is Open

Registration is open for Fall 2016 with Georgia Virtual School. Over 1,500 students have already enrolled! Make the most of the opportunities available to all students to get the courses they need, including AP courses, World Language and CTAE.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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GAHPERD Convention

The 2016 Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention will be held at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center November 6-8, 2016.

- [GAHPERD Registration and Lodging Information](#)

SCHOOL & DISTRICT EFFECTIVENESS

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Update

The School and District Effectiveness Division has partnered with Title I to create one improvement plan template that's in a fillable PDF format. It is now available on our [SDE webpage](#). There are also many other resources available to guide and support the process of completing the template that can be found in the [School Improvement Planning Packet](#). Also available is a [District Strategic Planning Packet](#) that includes a revised District Strategic Plan template that is in a fillable PDF format.