

Around the Agency

- **GaDOE Curriculum Leaders Conference - September 25** - Final Agenda and Breakout Sessions and Descriptions are [NOW AVAILABLE](#).
- **Opportunity to Support Apalachee High School.** In the wake of the tragedy at Apalachee High School, we know many communities throughout the state are seeking ways to support the Barrow County community. The Georgia Foundation for Public Education has established a fund to support recovery efforts at Apalachee. Funds donated will be directed to the Barrow County School System to support school safety, student and staff mental health, and related needs within the district. Individuals, businesses, or organizations interested in donating may visit the GFPE Donations page linked below and enter code APALACHEE in the field that reads "Please designate a project."
Additional Information: [GFPE Donations](#)
- **Goodbye Burnout, Hello Wellness.** The Georgia Department of Education's Educator Support and Development Division is excited to host the "Goodbye Burnout, Hello Wellness" regional workshops-offered in October, November and January-which aim to improve educator retention and combat burnout by offering resources and strategies to enhance school climate. School and district leaders are encouraged to attend the full-day, interactive session from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a team or team member to maximize the benefits of the action planning workshop. Click [here](#) to register today!
- **Teachers' Personalized Learning Bootcamp.** Join us for a highly interactive, six-session bootcamp for teachers from September 2024 to March 2025 focused on facilitating and planning student-centered practices or personalized learning. Participants will walk away with knowledge of easy-to-use, learner-centered experiences and the ability to apply practices that build capacity for the sustainability of personalized learning. [Register here for teachers' bootcamp!](#)
- **Coaches' Personalized Learning Bootcamp.** Join us for a highly interactive, six-session bootcamp from September 2024 to March 2025 for instructional coaches focused on facilitating and planning student-centered practices or personalized learning. Facilitators will share hands-on and reflection activities designed to engage and empower learners. [Register here for coaches' bootcamp!](#)
- **Next Heads Together Oct 2nd 9 a.m.** Hosted by RESA State Partners - [join colleagues from across the state](#) for curriculum and instruction updates.
- **Georgia School Climate Surveys for Students, Teachers, Staff, and Families.** In the 2024-25 school year, the Georgia School Climate Surveys for students, teachers, staff, and families will replace the Georgia Student Health Survey, the Georgia Parent School Climate Survey, and the Georgia School Personnel Survey. This new suite of surveys is aligned with Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement and is designed to provide more actionable data for district and school leaders to make schools a safer and more engaging place to learn. **Additional Information:** [Informational Webinar Registration](#) | [Memo](#) | [Guidance](#)

- **Ready Georgia Seal of Preparedness Applications Now Open.** GaDOE, in collaboration with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, created the Ready Georgia Seal of Preparedness to recognize schools for working diligently to increase school safety and minimize risk factors. In order to be awarded the Seal, schools must complete the application demonstrating specific safety planning criteria. The window for applications will be open September 9 to November 15, 2024 and the Office of Whole Child Supports will host Office Hours for questions concerning the application process Thursday, October 3 at 10 a.m. **Additional Information:** [Memo](#) | [Timeline](#) | [Register for Office Hours](#) **Contact:** [Mark Muma](#)
- **Attendance Summit.** GaDOE, with the support of the Georgia Foundation for Public Education, will host an interagency Attendance Summit facilitated by Attendance Works on December 4, 2024 at Microsoft – Atlantic Station for state agency and education leaders across the state. The agenda will allow for rich discussion around multi-agency goal-setting, problem-solving, and joint action planning. For additional information, contact [Justin Hill](#).
- **Recorded Webinars with College Board and Presentations.** [2024-2025 AP Coordinators Beginning of the Year Webinar](#) and [Presentation](#); [PSAT/NMSQT Overview Webinar](#) and [Presentation](#)
- **In search of resources to support the training and implementation of Georgia's K-12 ELA Standards?** Check out our [Resource Repository in GaDOE Inspire!](#)
- **NEW Resource Release!** Seeking an alignment of the new standards to the Georgia Literacy Academy/Cox Campus modules? We have you covered; check out the [Georgia's K-5 ELA Standards to the Georgia Literacy Academy](#).
- **UPDATED: Aligning State Literacy Policies and Practices.** There is a new edition of the [Aligning State Literacy Policies and Practices document](#). Take a look at the table of contents to find the latest updates.
- **Georgia Early Literacy Act Reporting.** The first deadline for universal screening reporting is due October 1. Superintendents have access to this reporting application in the GaDOE Portal. [Here is a document that provides instructions and screenshots to help with reporting.](#)
- **Georgia Literacy Academy Courses 1 and 2** have been paused for maintenance and updates. The updated courses will be available again on September 23. Thank you for your understanding as we work to give you the best experience possible. Courses 3-10 will remain available for full use.
- **DRC BEACON Early Years Screener Available.** DRC BEACON Early Years, including a universal reading screener for K-3, launched on Thursday, August 1. You can learn more about DRC BEACON Early Years in the brochure linked below and by viewing the recording of our Tuesday, May 7 informational webinar. Additionally, a new professional learning course – *Using DRC BEACON Early Years for Literacy Screening* – is available in Georgia Learns. DRC BEACON Early Years is now listed on the SBOE-approved universal reading screener list and SBOE-approved dyslexia screener

list. **Additional Information:** [Brochure](#) | [Informational Webinar](#) | [SBOE-Approved Universal Reading Screener List](#) | [SBOE-Approved Dyslexia Screener List](#)

- **Early Literacy Alignment Mini Grant Open.** The Early Literacy Alignment Mini Grant provides up to \$5,000 funding to Georgia public elementary schools seeking to vertically align innovative literacy practices with local childcare programs to facilitate a smooth transition for rising pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students. Georgia public school administrators in rural counties (population of 35,000 or less) and partnered with a local childcare provider that has received a Quality Rating are eligible to apply. [GaDOE Grant Opportunities](#). Contact: [Jaclyn Colona](#).
- **Interested in collaborative conversation with other ELA enthusiasts?** Join us for [Let's Talk ELA, GA!](#) at each monthly session!
- **New and Refreshed WIDA Self-Paced Workshops about Teaching English Learners in 2024-2025!** Do you have English learners (ELs) in your classroom this year? Georgia is a member of the WIDA Consortium which offers professional learning for teachers of ELs that can be completed when you want, where you want, and at your own pace. [Review the new and refreshed 2024-2025 workshop descriptions](#) and choose a relevant, practical topic you are interested in learning more about! To access the workshops, you'll need a WIDA Secure Portal account which your school testing coordinator could obtain for you. Or, ask an ESOL teacher to help you! After logging into the WIDA Secure Portal, click on the "Professional Learning Path" icon. When you've finished a workshop, you can print a certificate to add to your portfolio. You can also invite your colleagues to go on this learning journey with you in a PLC format!
- **600 Georgia Students Earn the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy.** In the fall reporting window, 600 high school students across Georgia earned the prestigious Georgia Seal of Biliteracy...[See more](#).
- **SY24-25 World Languages Calendar of Events.** GaDOE World Languages has created a [Calendar of World Languages Events](#) in Georgia. The list includes student-focused activities and professional development opportunities for teachers.
- **World Languages and GRE4T Collaborate to Support Novice World Languages Teachers.** GaDOE's GRE4T and World Languages departments collaborated to create a series of engaging professional development opportunities for World Languages educators...[See more](#).
- [Understanding Mathematics Content and Pedagogy Courses \(K-8\)](#). These courses will provide strategies to support teachers with transforming their mathematics classrooms into deep learning laboratories.
- [Phenomenal Math and Science Professional Learning Opportunity](#). Join the Georgia Department of Education's Mathematics and Science Department for an engaging professional learning series. These workshops will focus on developing a comprehensive roadmap that integrates mathematical and scientific concepts. Educators will collaborate to create strategies and resources that enhance

interdisciplinary teaching, making mathematics and science more cohesive and impactful in the classroom. This series is designed for teachers, instructional coaches, and curriculum developers.

- **GOLD Grant Extension.** The Georgia Outdoor Learning Demonstration (GOLD) grant applications are being accepted by the Environmental Education Alliance until **September 25, 2024**. More information can be found on [the GOLD Grant website](#).
- **Science Professional Learning.** Looking for virtual professional learning for science? Join us for the following integrated sessions: [Velocity through a Science Lens](#) and our new series [Phenomenal Mathematics and Science](#).
- **New GaDOE Website and GaConnects Staff.** As a reminder, the new GaDOE.org will launch in November – and many resources your staff are used to accessing on the public website will now be available through GaConnects Staff. This includes GaDOE Focus, a new platform with information curated by GaDOE teams for specific district and leadership roles, which launches in GaConnects Staff on October 25. Please ensure your district and school teams complete the steps to secure access to the platform before the new public site launches. Staff members in any district may visit the dashboard link below to learn their district's status and, if necessary, claim an account.
- **Instructional Tech Talk.** Don't miss out on the iTT innovation opportunity to enhance your skills and network with fellow educators! Date: September 24th at 1pm ~ [Register Here!](#)
- **Professional Learning in YOUR Area!...** [See more.](#)
- **French and Indian War GeoInquiry.** Good news! The map for the French & Indian War/Revolutionary War GeoInquiry is back up and running. Students can investigate how the immediate and long-term causes of the American Revolution impacted Georgia. [Click here to check out the full inquiry in Unit 4 of 8th Grade Social Studies in Inspire.](#)
- **October 1st Deadline Approaching! Computer Science Grants.** [The Computer Science Teacher Credential \(CSTC\) Grant](#) is intended to support broadening participation in K12 Computer Science (CS) education and to assist in the implementation of O.C.G.A. 20-2-149.3 by providing funding for teacher professional development and training, teacher certifications, and teacher endorsements for middle and high school CS teachers. A maximum of \$300,000 in grant funds is available, with a maximum of \$15,000 per district. Georgia LEAs are eligible to apply. [The Computer Science Teacher Equipment and Community \(CSTEC\) Grant](#) provides support for all students to engage in computer science experiences. This grant offers professional support for instruction, practice, and pedagogy, including the use of physical computing to engage students in computer science education. A maximum of \$200,000 will be awarded in grants for the FY25 school year, up to \$10,000 per district. Georgia LEAs are eligible to apply.
- **NEW! Health and PE classes and Lessons in Inspire.** We have added three new physical education classes in Inspire. These include Intro to Rhythmics and Dance, Intro to Team Sports, and Intro to

Track and Field. Additionally, we have included several health lessons for all grades. [Check them out in Inspire!](#)

- **Velocity Builders.** DML is looking for any Georgia educators who are interested in creating velocity activities that they would be willing to share. We will provide mentoring on the activities and will share the work with our GaDOE content teams. This is a great opportunity for Instructional Technology Specialists and other technology-loving educators. [Let us know you are interested.](#)
- **Inspire and Velocity Office Hours.** Join DML and Technology Services for time to ask questions and work together in Inspire and Inspire's Velocity. [Next session September 25th 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.](#)
- **New Episode of Classroom Conversations.** Join Dr. Misty Givens of Henry County as she shares how [effective questioning can get students to think on a deeper level.](#)
- **GaDOE Professional Learning Events** – GaDOE's professional learning events catalog, housed in GaDOE Community, contains registration information for upcoming virtual and in-person webinars, workshops, and conferences. On-demand, pre-recorded webinars and by-request opportunities are also available to meet educators' professional learning needs. Most by-request offerings are virtual, both synchronous and asynchronous. Professional learning events are updated quarterly, and educational stakeholders are encouraged to visit the site often to review the latest agencywide offerings. View our [professional learning events here](#). Please regularly browse the catalog for PL offerings that might support your work as you support schools and districts. A sampling of upcoming PL events that might be relevant to the work of school improvement includes:
 - **Leveraging a Multi-Tiered System of Supports to Enhance High School Success** series will begin September 24th from 10 – 11:30 a.m. Click [here](#) for series registration information.
 - **FY25: Special Education School Administrator Academy Session: Special Education Discipline and Positive, Proactive Approaches** will be held September 26th from 9 – 11 a.m. Click [here](#) for series registration information.
 - **Let's Talk Math, GA! Monthly Updates** will be held September 27th from 1 – 2 p.m. Click [here](#) for registration information.
 - **Phenomenal Mathematics and Science** series will begin October 2nd from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Click [here](#) for registration information.

Professional Learning

- **SDI Improving Outcomes Webinar Series** –The next installment of the Improving Outcomes series, *Alternative Schools Supports*, will be held September 25th from 9 – 10 a.m. *Sustainability Practices* will be the topic on October 23rd from 9 – 10 a.m. Series registration information can be found here: [Improving Outcomes for Federally Identified Schools Series - GaDOE Community](#). If school or district leaders cannot attend the session, the recording and presentation will be placed in the GaDOE Professional Learning Catalog for their review.

Resources

- **Highlighted Resources from the Professional Learning Department** – This week's optional resource is the [McREL_Designing-Brain-Based-Professional-Learning.pdf](#). This resource will support you as you construct, implement, and monitor the effectiveness of professional learning in your schools and districts.