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### **Around the Agency**

- **SuitCASE Streamlines Standards.** SuitCASE, Georgia's official digital standards platform, designed to centralize all educational standards in one convenient location... See more.
- Revised Dyslexia Informational Handbook. The revised <u>Dyslexia Informational Handbook</u> is now available! Updated sections incorporate the requirements of the Georgia Early Literacy Act, reflect improved alignment with Georgia Multi-tiered System of Supports (GaMTSS), and guide educators in Identifying and Addressing Reading Difficulties Across the Tiers. New sections include an overview of the Science of Reading and Considerations for English Learners At Risk for Dyslexia.
- 2024-2025 ELA Standards Tour for Teachers. Click here for dates and flyers for the 2024-2025 ELA Standards Tour for Teachers. Please share with your networks! Registration will be conducted through individual RESAs.
- ELA Standards Launch Tour for District Leaders (Summer Make-Up Series). <a href="Intended Audience">Intended Audience</a>: New District Curriculum Leaders or District Curriculum Leaders Seeking a Make-Up Session for either Part I (January 2024) or Part II (March 2024) of the ELA Standards Launch Tour. The ELA team is pleased to offer an additional opportunity to join with district leaders new to their roles or district leaders seeking a make-up session for Part I and/or Part II of the ELA Standards Launch Tour. Registration is required for both the Part I and Part II make-up session. <a href="Description of each session and registration information">Description of each session and registration information</a>.
- Let's Talk ELA, GA! Join us virtually for monthly sessions with educational leaders and ELA
  specialists across the state as we prepare for the implementation of Georgia's K-12 English Language
  Arts (ELA) Standards. GaDOE will provide monthly updates, and attendees will be able to ask
  questions. For more information, please check out the event flyer and then register for this collaborative
  opportunity!
- **Georgia Literacy Academy News You Can USE!** Module 10, Data Driven Instruction, will be available in Georgia Learns by the end of July. All Georgia Literacy Academy course tools and resources are now available in GaDOE Inspire in the <u>Georgia Literacy Academy Repository</u>. You'll find course guides, coaching tools, and all the pdf resources associated with the modules. This is your one-stop-shop for facilitating meaningful professional learning communities around this important content.
- Georgia Literacy Academy Creating a Bridge to Practice. Join us for a one-hour virtual
  professional learning session on August 19 from 3:00 4:00 p.m. where we will take a deep dive into
  the structure and content of the Georgia Literacy Academy. During this session, we'll review the
  resources available to support building strong professional learning communities to ensure
  implementation of this important literacy learning. Register here.
- K-12 Mathematics Summary of Resource Changes and Updates July 2024. On July 1, 2024, The Georgia Department of Education Mathematics Department released new resources to support the implementation of Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards for the 2024-2025 School Year. The K-12



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<u>Summary of Changes Mathematics</u> document describes all resources and updates that were released within GaDOE Inspire in each of the mathematics courses and <u>K-12 Mathematics Resource</u> Repository.

- **TKES and LKES Contacts Webinar.** With the start of the 2024-25 school year, all prepandemic requirements for Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) and Leader Keys Effectiveness System (LKES) implementation have resumed. Join us as we serve and support our districts with our quarterly webinar. Register here.
- P2T5000 Round 2 Now Open. The second round of the Paraprofessional to Teacher Reimbursement Grant is now open. GaDOE will award Georgia LEAs up to \$5,000 in reimbursable grants per eligible paraprofessional. Eligible paraprofessionals must be enrolled in GaTAPP, on or after January 1, 2023; earn teacher certification through the GaTAPP program; hold a bachelor's degree or higher and not have completed a teacher preparation program; and must transfer to a position of Teacher of Record to be eligible for GaTAPP. Georgia LEAs are eligible to apply on behalf of eligible teacher candidates. Deadline Sept 5; Contact Darryl Felker, darryl.felker@doe.k12.ga.us
- Need a quick way to make sure you are on track for the start of the school year? Check out this Summer GAEL Update. A quick summary of key items during this Back-to-School season provided at the recent Summer GAEL meetings from Teaching & Learning. This is a great resource for key leadership in your district and school buildings.
- GASHA Go! World named a 2024 GEE Award winner! We are so proud of our Computer Science Team and their HARD WORK!...See more
- **DRC BEACON Early Years.** DRC BEACON Early Years, including a universal reading and dyslexia screener for grades K-3, will be available for use beginning Thursday, August 1st...<u>See more</u>.
- Supporting ELs in 3D Science a \*NEW\* GaLEARNS Course. Supporting ELs in 3D Science is a self-paced course and takes less than an hour! The purpose of this course is to provide K-12 science teachers with the tools to support English Learners in their classroom. This course will explore an asset-based approach to content-language integration, scaffolds, and ends with sample lesson driven by a phenomenon.
- Computer Science Focus Session: Physical Computing Devices. Join us for an exciting <u>virtual session on physical computing devices</u> on August 27, 2024. This engaging panel discussion is designed for K-12 educators who want to explore the world of physical computing and learn how to integrate hands-on, interactive projects into their classrooms.
- Computer Science District Implementation Workshop Fall Cohort. Join our exclusive fall cohort for
  an enriching series of half-day workshops designed to empower school districts in creating or updating
  computer science implementation plans. Equip your schools with the tools and knowledge needed to
  foster future-ready students. Don't miss this opportunity to lead your district into a new era of
  technological excellence. Secure your spot today and be part of the transformation.



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- Computer Science Professional Learning. To request professional learning for your district or RESA for this upcoming school year, please <u>use this link</u>. Contact <u>Lavita Williams</u> or <u>Alba Gutierrez</u> with questions.
- **STEAM Forum.** Join us for the 8th annual STEM STEAM Forum in Athens, GA October 21-22. This year's theme is Motion, Movement, and Momentum as we celebrate the growth of STEM/STEAM across our districts. Registration is now open
- Inspire and Velocity Preplanning Office Hours. Join DML and Technology Services for time to ask questions and work together in Inspire and Inspire's Velocity. Register here for the July 31<sup>st</sup> 10 a.m. 12 p.m. session.
- GaLEADS: Developing Thriving Teachers and Exceptional Leaders. GaLEADS is an innovative teacher and leader development system designed to enhance leading, teaching, and learning across Georgia. In its inaugural year, GaLEADS achieved remarkable success, with all twelve districts reporting positive results. The program's comprehensive approach, combining professional development, coaching/mentorship, and data-driven strategies, has set a new standard for educational excellence. Schools participating in GaLEADS reported increased instructional conversations, less stress, and more student engagement, demonstrating the system's effectiveness in fostering a culture of continuous improvement. Listen to what your colleagues have to say about GaLEADS.
- The Acentra Health Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Enrollment Process is Now Open...See more.
- NEW Fine Arts Resources Coming Soon to GaDOE Inspire!... See more.
- **Fit Georgia Trainings. Attention!** We have a new Fitness Assessment this year called Fit Georgia! We are offering trainings for Teachers, School Level Admin and Health and PE Managers. Please register for one of the training webinars: <u>Fit Georgia Managers</u> <u>School Level Administrators</u>- <u>Teacher Training</u>
- 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:
  - DRC Beacon Pre-Administration will be held July 30 from 10 12 p.m.
     Click here for registration information.
  - Inspire + Velocity Support Sessions will be held July 31 from 10 12 p.m.
     Click here for series registration information.



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- Let's Talk ELA, GA! will be held August 8 from 12 1 p.m. Click here for registration information.
- Deep Dive into Inspire's Resource Repositories Parts 1 and 2 will be held August 12 from 1 1:45 p.m. Click here for registration information.

#### **Professional Learning**

SDI Improving Outcomes Webinar Series – The next installment of the Improving Outcomes series,
 Whole Child Supports, will be held August 21st from 9 – 10 a.m. School and district leaders will receive
 an overview of effective whole child supports to improve student outcomes. 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 recent edition of Principal Matters! blog <u>Mastering Instruction While Managing Behavior</u>
(mailchi.mp). This resource will support school leaders in prioritizing academic rigor in a supportive
learning environment.

#### Reminders

• July 30 District Plans of Support due