


### Around the Agency

- **Course Catalog Updates; Rise Award; US Senate Youth Application; Student Advisory Council...**[see more](#)
- **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](mailto:darryl.felker@doe.k12.ga.us)
- **TKES/LKES Initial Credentialing Session.** As we start the 2024-2025 school year, the Educator Support and Development division is pleased to offer another opportunity to credential new administrators in TKES and/or LKES. Register for [TKES here](#) and [LKES 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 Summary of Changes Mathematics](#) document describes all resources and updates that were released within GaDOE Inspire in each of the mathematics courses and [K-12 Mathematics Resource Repository](#).
- **K-12 Mathematics Instructional Videos.** We are proud to present our [Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Instructional Videos](#) from our collaboration with GPB. This video series provides in-depth information and professional learning for Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards. Information and resources are shared to support the implementation of the state-adopted mathematics standards for all grade levels, K-12. Educators can come here to see the extent of the standards expectations for student success.
- **UPDATE - Georgia Literacy Academy - Module 10 - Data-Driven Instruction.** Due to some technical issues, our release of Module 10, Data-Driven Instruction, has been delayed. Thank you for your patience. The module will appear in Georgia Learns **by August 16**.
- **Georgia Literacy Academy: Creating a Bridge to Practice - Professional Learning Opportunity.** Join us for a one-hour virtual professional learning session on **August 19, 2024 3:00 - 4:00 pm** where we will deep dive into the structure and content of the Georgia Literacy Academy. During this session, we will review the resources available to support building strong professional learning communities to ensure implementation of literacy learning. We will discuss ways to craft professional learning topics tailored to the needs of your teachers. Don't miss this opportunity to empower yourself and your team to transform literacy instruction in your schools. [Register here](#).
- **New! Live, Interactive, and Free WIDA Webinars for Teaching English Learners.** This year, WIDA is bringing educators new and free webinars about teaching English learners (ELs). These webinars are live and interactive, and include instructional topics such as reading, strategies to support EL

newcomers, working with ELs in primary grades, and more! For information, dates, and registration, [check out this article](#).

- **Biliteracy Seal Retroactive Reporting Open until September 1.** The GaDOE awards the Seal of Biliteracy retroactively to recent graduates based on AP or IB language scores received after graduation. Eligibility requires a minimum score of four on AP language exams or five on IB exams. Additionally, students must have completed all English/Language Arts requirements with a minimum GPA of 3.0. **The application window for the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy is now open and will close on September 1.** Schools can apply for seals by completing the [Biliteracy Seal Reporting Form](#).
- **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).** Intended Audience: 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. [Description of each session and registration information](#).
- **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!
- **Revised Dyslexia Informational Handbook.** The revised [Dyslexia Informational Handbook](#) 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.
- **NEW! Classroom Conversations Season 5.** [Hear Amy Beasley \(Butts County Schools\) and Mary Simmons \(Floyd County Schools\) talk about self-regulation](#). Share with a colleague!
- **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 August 14th 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.](#)
- **8th Annual STEM STEAM Forum.** Mark your calendars for the [8th Annual STEM STEAM Forum](#)! The Forum is scheduled October 21st and 22nd at the Classic Center in Athens Georgia. This year's theme is Motion, Movement, and Momentum as focus on the impact STEM and STEAM have on Georgia's students. [Registration](#) and hotel blocks are open so secure your spot today!

- **GLET Cybersecurity Poster Contest 2024-2025.** We are excited to announce the return of the [GLET Cybersecurity Poster Contest!](#) This year's theme is Secure Our Schools, and we invite your students to showcase their creativity and knowledge in cybersecurity by participating in this engaging and educational event. [Submission Form here.](#)
- **SuitCASE Streamlines Standards.** SuitCASE, Georgia's official digital standards platform, designed to centralize all educational standards in one convenient location...[See more.](#)
- **GaSUITCASE** now includes course descriptions for the 2024-2025 State-Funded List of K-8 Subjects and 9-12 courses are live and include standards, course numbers and course descriptions for the Georgia Standards of Excellence and Georgia's K12 Math and English Language Arts Standards.
- **OSDI's Inspire Resource Repository** is now ACTIVE! 🎉👏🥳 There you will find folders with Process Guides, presentations/recordings and other supporting documents. These resources can be downloaded or linked to share with your school and district leaders. Please take the time to peruse the repository. Contact the PL team if you have any questions.
- **GaDOE Inspire Resource Repository.** An [Assessment and Accountability Resource Repository](#) is now available in GaDOE Inspire!
- **Outdoor Learning Grant Opportunity.** The Georgia Outdoor Learning Demonstration (GOLD) Grant is intended to support the launch, revitalization, or expansion of outdoor learning opportunities for children in all parts of the state. For more information, please see the [Grant Opportunities Website.](#)
- **Looking for Vocabulary Support?** We all know vocabulary can be a critical element of our social studies content. The GaDOE Social Studies team has developed a set of resources to help support all students and especially your Multi-Lingual or English Learners. [This video](#) will walk you through how to find and use our new Talking Picture Dictionaries and Velocity Vocabulary Flashcards. Both new resources have text-to-speech or audio files along with images and print definitions to make content specific vocabulary accessible to all students.
- **Welcome Back!** Welcome Back! We missed you! The GaDOE Social Studies team is excited to welcome back all our teachers to the 2024-25 school year. We look forward to serving you throughout the coming months. [Please share this video message with your teachers!](#)
- **Keenville in GaConnects.** Keenville is now available to educators and students in GaConnects! The instructional resource no longer requires an individual login and provides access to all games and levels without teacher assignment. New resources, developed to support the new Keenville format, are available in [GaDOE Inspire.](#)
- **Instructional Tech Talks Are Back!.** Monthly Instructional Tech Talks (ITT) – designed to ignite innovation, connect coaches, and elevate student learning – will resume August 27th. [Register Here!](#)

- **New! Computer Science Teacher Credential (CSTC) Grant.** The Computer Science Teacher Credential (CSTC) Grant is intended to support broadening participation in K-12 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. Visit [GaDOE Grant Opportunities](#) for more information.
- **New! Computer Science Teacher Equipment and Community (CSTEC) Grant.** The Computer Science Teacher Equipment and Community (CSTEC) Grant aims to provide support for all students to have access and opportunity to engage in computer science experiences. This grant will offer 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 2024-25 (FY25) school year, up to \$10,000 per district. Georgia LEAs are eligible to apply. Visit [GaDOE Grant Opportunities](#) for more information.
- **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. Throughout three engaging sessions, your district team will receive expert guidance, collaborate with peers, and develop actionable strategies to enhance computer science education.
- **The Acentra Health Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Enrollment Process is Now Open...**[See more.](#)
- **IT'S HERE! The 🎒 SUMMER 2024 📧 Edition of the GaDOE Fine Arts Newsletter.** Take a look at the [Summer 2024 edition of our GaDOE Fine Arts Newsletter!](#) It has exciting information about new instructional videos for music teachers, brand new instructional resources for Georgia Artist Project: Careers in Art, new instructional resources for 10 additional Fine Arts courses that are coming soon, as well as spotlights on Fine Arts programs from across the state of Georgia! As always, our newsletters include information about all our resources and supports for all of Georgia's Fine Arts teachers. It's hot off the press! To get notified of future GaDOE Fine Arts Newsletters, be sure to press the Subscribe button on the right-hand column of the newsletter. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to [Casey Hall](#).
- **2024 Postcard Competition.** The Jimmy Carter National Historic Park is having their annual postcard contest. This year's theme is [Happy 100th Birthday President Carter](#). Students should design one unruled 3x5 index card. The back should include the following information: Grade level, First and Last name, School name and sponsoring teacher's name, Email address, and Phone number. **Entries due no later than September 11, 2024.** Mail completed entries to: Courtney Stoops, 300 N Bond Street, Plains, GA 31780.
- **Fit Georgia Webinar Recordings and Resources.** Important Update for Fit Georgia Participants! We are pleased to share that the Fit Georgia Trainings, recorded in July, are now available for viewing. You can access these recordings in the following locations: **Fit Georgia Community Groups:** Check the groups for Managers, School Level Administrators, and Teachers; **PL Catalog:** The webinars are

also listed here for easy access. In addition, we have scheduled a supplementary training session for teachers on **August 20th at 4:00 pm**. We encourage all teachers who would like to attend to register for this session via the PL Catalog. We also have several one-pager resources available to support your training. For any questions or additional support, I'm offering office hours. [You can find all relevant links and resources in the PL Catalog and in the Fit Georgia Community Groups](#). Thank you for your commitment to the Fit Georgia program!

- **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:
  - **FY25 Special Education School Academy Administrator Academy Kickoff** will be held August 14 from 9 – 11 a.m. Click [here](#) for registration information.
  - **FY25 Academy of New Federal Programs Leaders Series** will be held August 16 from 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for series registration information.
  - **Georgia Literacy Academy: Creating a Bridge to Practice** will be held August 19 from 3 – 4 p.m. Click [here](#) for registration information.
  - **Data-Driven Classroom: SLDS for Teachers** will be held August 19 from 3 – 3:45 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 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 – 10 a.m. In this session, 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 GaDOE Office of Whole Child Supports [OWCS Fall 2024 Webinar Series Flyer \(gadoe.org\)](#). This webinar series contains topics ranging from School Safety to Whole Child Data-Based Decision Making. This series will support school and district leaders in their support of the whole child.

## Reminders

- **Sept 2** Labor Day, State Holiday Observed
- **Sept 6** GA Literacy Academy/SDI Virtual PLC, 10:45 – 12:15 p.m.