

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (CIA) Monthly Update July 23, 2012

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (CIA) Updates

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State Board of Education Rules:

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Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS)

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See attached for front/back Informational Cards or “tip sheets” for both ELA and Mathematics. These were printed on card stock and laminated for the July GAEL Conference participants. They are also on the Common Core GPS website: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/CCGPS.aspx>

See attached for the CCGPS Brochure – Revised to be used with staff and/or parents.

The following is the link to the Parent Engagement Program: <http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Parent-Engagement-Program.aspx>

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- ✓ **May 2012:** 13 ELA & 10 Mathematics Unit 1 Archived Webinars
- **July – August 3, 2012:** DVDs containing all CCGPS GPB sessions mailed to each RESA
- **June –July 2012:** 8 three-day Mathematics Academies
- **June - Fall 2012:** 11 one to two-day ELA Academies
- **July 31, 2012:** Administrator Summit: “CCGPS and Optimizing Results on the CCRPI”
 - Register on the GAEL website (www.gael.org).
 - You are not required to be a member of GAEL to register.
 - The registration fee will be \$35 per participant.
 - Tuesday, July 24th is the Final Day to register for the summit.
 - The Summit Flyer can be printed from the Common Core GPS website: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/CCGPS.aspx>
- **September 25, 2012:** GaDOE/GACIS Fall Conference for *New* Curriculum Directors
- **September 26, 2012:** GaDOE/GACIS Fall Conference: Lucy Calkins will provide a workshop based on her book, Pathways to the Common Core – Accelerating Achievement.

Note: See the following link to the Study Guide for the Pathways book listed above.

http://www.heinemann.com/shared/studyGuides/E04355/Study%20Guide_Pathways_FINAL.pdf

Georgia Reading Association:

Georgia Reading Association Fall Forum will be held on September 29, 2012, at the Macon Centreplex. Speakers include Sharon Walpole, Michael McKenna, and Joseph Torgesen, along with GaDOE specialists and Georgia University System personnel addressing the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS). Registration information is available at georgiareading.org.

GACIS Fall Conference - Meeting the Challenges: Leadership, Standards, Assessment

On September 27th **Larry Ainsworth** Executive Director of Professional Development at The Leadership and Learning Center will be the Keynote Speaker.

Participants will be given the tools necessary to:

- Create a progression of units of study that keep standards, instruction, and assessment tightly focused and connected
- Make the connection between practices in standards, assessment, data analysis, accountability, and instruction.
- Apply understandings of assessment literacy and know the differences and similarities between formative and summative assessments while using them in the classroom.
- Develop and refine common formative assessments aligned to standards
- Articulate the steps in the Rigorous Curriculum Design process, and apply this theory to practice through the Common Core State Standards
- Multiple-measure assessments that allow students to demonstrate their understanding in a variety of formats
- Agreed-upon criteria for proficiency to be met within each individual classroom, grade level, school, and district

Following the afternoon break, **Melissa Fincher**, Associate Superintendent, Assessment and Accountability, GaDOE will provide an update on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and state assessments. On Friday, September 28, school districts from across Georgia will share best practices to support and assess the Common Core State Standards.

Check the Website for more information and registration will open next week.

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The following Common Core websites are great resources for teachers and administrators:

- 1) Achieve the Core - <http://www.achievethecore.org/>
- 2) James B. Hunt Institute - <http://www.hunt-institute.org/knowledge-library/articles/2011-9-1/common-core-state-standards-a-new-foundation-for-student-success/>
- 3) Achieve, Inc. - Achieving the Core - <http://www.achieve.org/achieving-common-core>

On July 16, we sent each school district the following two books:

- 1) Pathways to the Common Core – Accelerating Achievement
- 2) Administrator’s Guide – Interpreting the Common Core State Standards to Improve Mathematics Education

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English Language Arts (ELA)

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ELA Program Webpage at: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/English-Language-Arts-Program.aspx>

CCGPS ELA Resources and Professional Learning Opportunities at:
<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Common-Core/Pages/ELA.aspx>

Reminder: Professional Learning Planned for Summer and Fall of 2012

All Unit 1 webinars have been completed. Unit 2 webinars have been scheduled for the fall, and the schedule appears below. During the summer and early fall, the GaDOE ELA team will participate in a series of Professional Learning Academies co-sponsored by the RESAs. The schedule for the academies and their locations also appear below. All teachers are invited to the Academies. If there is not one in your RESA area, you may go to one in a different RESA area. Please be sure to register for the Academy at the RESA in which you will attend.

While the webinars will run at times that may not be convenient for live participation, please know that each webinar will be recorded and archived.

Archived Professional Learning via Georgia Public Broadcasting

All 2011-12 grade level live-streaming professional learning sessions for English language arts and for the Literacy Standards for Social Studies/History, Science, and Technical Subjects are archived on the Georgia Standards.org web site at the following link: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Common-Core/Pages/ELA.aspx>

ELA CCGPS Face-to-Face Professional Learning

Academies were held from June 6-July 18. This schedule includes the last 5 of the GaDOE and RESA 2012 Summer and Fall ELA Academies (All academies begin at 8:30 AM)

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| • Pioneer &
North GA RESAs | July 24 | Dawson Co. Middle School
332 Highway 9 North
Dawsonville, GA 30534 |
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- Oconee RESA August 1 TBA
- Griffin & West GA RESAs September 18 Griffin RESA
440 Tilney Avenue
Griffin, GA 30224
- Okefenokee RESA September 19 TBA
- Coastal Plains RESA September 20 & 21 Coastal Plains RESA
245 North Robinson Street
Lenox, GA 3163

The Drop Box

All Model Unit Frameworks are now available in editable form on the Drop Box sharing site for CCGPS. To access these resources, send an email to Susan Jacobs at sjacobs@doe.k12.ga.us requesting membership in the Drop Box.

Wikispaces

ELA has developed an exciting new resource! Wikispaces have been developed for each grade band that feature links to resources all over the country, discussion threads on each of our units, downloadable versions of the units (both editable and PDFd), access to hundreds of instructional strategies and materials that are suitable for Common Core, and much, much more. These Wikis also feature a platform providing access to sites where appropriate, lexile-sorted informational texts may be accessed to ensure the 50% informational text balance required in the CCGPS curriculum. Below are the links to the ELA Wikis, *No sign up or permission is required*. Participants can download the units, access and the links, and post comments without being members of the Wiki.

The Wikis are still in the early development stages so please check back over the next few weeks for more resources. If you have any suggestions email Daniel Rock at drock@doe.k12.ga.us or post on the Wiki's discussion board.

High School Wiki: <http://elaccgps9-12.wikispaces.com/>

Middle School Wiki: <http://georgielaccgps6-8.wikispaces.com/>

Elementary School Wiki: <http://georgielaccgpsk-5.wikispaces.com/>

Mathematics

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Mathematics Program Webpage at: <http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Mathematics.aspx>

CCGPS Mathematics Resources and Professional Learning Opportunities at: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Common-Core/Pages/Math.aspx>.

Please find attached to this document the 2012-2013 schedules for the CCGPS Mathematics unit-by-unit webinar series. Both the live and recorded unit webinar segments will be available in Fall 2012 at:

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Common-Core/Pages/Math.aspx>.

The GaDOE mathematics team members look forward to supporting you as you implement CCGPS mathematics in 2012-2013. Please do not hesitate to call on us when we can assist you.

Universal Design for Learning and Differentiation

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Early Intervention Program (EIP)

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- There are no changes to the EIP Guidance document or Rubrics for **initial placement decisions** beginning for the 2012-13 school year.
- Placement decisions for the beginning of the school year in 2012-13 will still be based on the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS).

NOTE: The Guidance document and the current rubrics serve as the guidance for initial placement of students in the Early Intervention Program for the beginning of the 2012-13 school year.

The Guidance document and rubrics are under revision for use after initial placement for 2012-13. An updated Guidance document and updated rubrics aligned with the Common Core GPS will be posted after September 2012 to ensure that everyone uses the current Guidance and rubrics for initial placement and exit decisions.

Use the following link to the electronic Guidance document and rubrics.

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Early-Intervention-Program.aspx>

Assessment

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The following assessment windows are on the State Testing Calendar for the months of July and August 2012:

- Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) Retest (May 14 – July 27)
- Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests-Modified (CRCT-M) (May 14 – July 27)
- End of Course Tests (EOCT) Summer 2012 Administration & Retest (June 18 – July 20)
- End of Course Tests (EOCT) Mid-Month/Retest Administration (August 6 – 24)
- Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) Retest Administration (July 16 – 20)
- Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT) Retest Administration (July 18)

The following ordering windows are open in July and August 2012:

- GHSGT Winter 2012 (July 16 – 27)
- EOCT Winter 2012 (August 15 – 31)

Information regarding our annual Fall Assessment Conferences and the webinar calendar for 2012-2013 can be found at: <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Memoranda--Announcements.aspx>

The following assessments will report data in July and August 2012:

- CRCT & CRCT-M Main Administration & Retests (Dependent upon local testing window dates)
- EOCT Summer Administration and Retest Administration (Dependent upon local testing window dates)
- GHS GT & GHS WT Summer Retest Administration (August 13 – 17)

Social Studies

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Jimmy Carter NHS Education Program

Contact: Annette Wise (awise@doe.k12.ga.us or plainsed@jimmycarter.info) (229) 824-5843

Plains, Peanuts and a President Postcard Contest

The annual **Plains, Peanuts and a President Postcard Contest** information is online at www.jimmycarter.info/artcontestresources.htm. This is a statewide art contest that incorporates art with the history of the 39th President of the United States.

Fall Teacher workshops:

August 21 -22 Teaching High School Economics and the GPS – taught by the Georgia Council on Economics Education; register online at www.gcee.org

August 28 Virtual Economics 4 for Middle and High School - taught by the Georgia Council on Economics Education; register online at www.gcee.org

August 29 7th Grade – Economics in World Studies – taught by the Georgia Council on Economics Education; register online at www.gcee.org

August 10 – 2nd, 5th and 8th A Page in History Make and Take workshop – Teachers will make an exhibit panel to use at their school – taught by Annette Wise; register online at www.jimmycarter.info/teachers_2.html

November 2 Teaching Economics Through Biography, Grades 1-3 - taught by the Georgia Council on Economics Education; register online at www.gcee.org

November 13 Virtual Economics 4 for Middle and High School -taught by the Georgia Council on Economics Education; register online at www.gcee.org

Free Teacher Resources

Traveling through Time movie and curriculum for 2nd and 5th grade – www.jimmycarter.info

Discovery Trunks K-12 grade – www.jimmycarter.info/teachers_5.html

Virtual tour of the Jimmy Carter Boyhood Farm – www.jimmycarter.info/gallery_1.html

College and Career Ready Performance Index and ESEA Waiver

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Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Update

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School Counselors:

All counselors (K-12) are invited to the Teacher Drive-In meetings which are listed below. There will be updates on current initiatives from the Department of Education. We are asking that registration for the regional workshops be completed through the CTAE Resource Network which can be accessed at www.ctaern.org. If interested in attending one of the regional workshops and do not have a profile on the Resource Network, contact the hotline for assistance at hotline@ctaern.org or call 866-454-2823.

If there are questions, please do not hesitate to contact our department at 404-657-8324.

Tentative Teacher Drive-In Meetings for FY 2012

- August 21- John's Creek High School, Fulton County—CTAERN3483
- August 23- East Jackson High School, Jackson County—CTAERN3445
- August 27 – Howard High School, Bibb County—CTAERN3488
- August 28 – Harris County High School, Harris County—CTAERN3480
- August 30 – Drew High School, Clayton County—CTAERN3485
- September 5 – Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Floyd County—CTAERN3486
- September 6 – Fannin County High School, Fannin County—CTAERN3482
- September 11 – Grovetown High School, Columbia County—CTAERN3484
- September 12 – Statesboro High School, Bulloch County—CTAERN3487
- September 18 – Rural Development Center, Tift County—CTAERN3481
- September 19 – Ware County High School, Ware County—CTAERN3479

Save the Date:

*Georgia School Counselors Association Annual Conference, Athens GA
November 7-9, 2012*

School Counselors: Free Anti-Bully Kit Now Available!

Last year, TransACT received overwhelming feedback from customers to add bullying resources in multiple languages to our GenEd Collection. You spoke and we listened! We are proud to announce 2 new bullying forms: Bullying, Incident Report Form and Bullying, Information for Parents. Both will be available in 21 languages *this summer!*

To kick things off, we are offering Anti-Bullying Kits for each campus in your district as part of our Rewards Program. This will also help with awareness of TransACT at the individual school level.

To sign up for the free Anti-Bullying kits, do one of the following:

1. **Forward this Link to Principals:** Principals may pre-order the **FREE** kits and have them sent directly to the school by filling out the form at: <http://www.transact.com/2012bullykit>
-or-
2. **Contact TransACT:** If you wish to order the kits for your principals and hand them out yourself, please contact your account manager or customer care.

Inside the kit:

- [Bully-Free Zone Campus Sign](#)
- Bullying, Incident Report Form
- Bullying, Information for Parents

- Information on how to access www.transact.com

Login Today

Login at www.transact.com to preview the English version of the bullying forms located at: GenEd Parent Notifications > School, Office and Classroom > TransACT Masters.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact TransACT Customer Care at (425) 977-2100 or support@transact.com

School Counselors: Access Course Explanation:

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Course Names and Numbering for Students Assessed by the GAA (Georgia Alternate Assessment)

Students assessed by GAA will continue to receive instruction in the high school courses at the access level, but the courses will no longer be called "Access to...." on transcripts. The courses will have the same name as the general education courses. The documentation that a student is to be assessed by the GAA will be the GAA flag in FTE. The GAA flag designates that the student is receiving instruction at an access level.

An 8 as the first numerical digit to the right of the decimal indicates that the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) has placed them in a general education course but in a special education setting and the student is being taught by a certified special education teacher. Students in these classes are earning Carnegie unit credit.

A 9 as the first numerical digit to the right of the decimal indicates that the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) has placed the student in a general education course in a general education setting but with a specified amount and model of special education support listed on the IEP. Students are taught by a certified general education teacher and also receive the identified IEP support by the appropriately certified special education personnel. Students in these classes are earning Carnegie unit credit.

Any course may be reported with a XX.8 and a XX.9. If a course number contains a XX.8 or XX.9 and the student is also participating in the GAA, then the student's instruction "aligns" with the standards for this course. The standards will not be addressed with the same depth and breadth as they will be for other students, and the IEP will address other instructional needs as well.

As indicated in the new board rule, the 5 in the fourth digit after the decimal is no longer used.

Two important things to remember:

1. The XX.8 and XX.9 course number does not distinguish between a high functioning student with a disability who is addressing all standards at the same “depth and breadth” as all other students and a student with a significant cognitive disability participating in the GAA. It is the GAA flag that is the indicator of the level at which the standards will be addressed, not the course number.
2. The XX.8 and XX.9 course numbers should not appear on transcripts. That is also in the board rule and I have copied that into the email.

This rule is at this website: <http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-2-.20.pdf>. Page 6 discusses the courses for students assessed by GAA. The graduation rule allows an IEP to determine if a student must have more than 3 math courses. For students on GAA, the IEP team can determine if they need access to another math course. (Students on GAA do not take Math Support classes because of the significant modifications at the access level.) For all other courses, the number of required courses should mirror the requirements of general education students to receive a diploma.

JROTC Update:

Information about the JROTC Instructor Scholarship that is being sponsored by the University of Phoenix is included in the attached flyer. Application deadline is July 31, 2012. The scholarship can be used by JROTC instructors to complete their undergraduate or master's degree program through the University of Phoenix.

Dual Enrollment Update:

- Dual enrollment is not available for summer school.
- Students are limited to 4 units per semester and 8 units per year for dual credit participation.
- Students can earn a total of 8 units per year regardless of the combination of high school and college courses they take.
- Continue to check the Transition Career Partnership web page for updated information and documents. Use the link below:

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/Transition-Career-Partnerships.aspx>

For more information, contact: Gary Mealer, gmealer@doe.k12.ga.us

College Readiness Unit

Contacts for College Readiness Programs: ACT, AP, PSAT, SAT

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- Georgia Haygood McSwain gmcswain@doe.k12.ga.us, Telephone (404-657-9799)
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College Readiness Unit workshops are available for school leadership teams and RESA's. Contact Unit personnel for details.

Workshop # 1: Improve Student Achievement on the College and Career Performance Index (CCRPI) Using PSAT and AP Data

Workshop # 2: Building and Sustaining a Quality Advanced Placement Program

Workshop # 3: Enhancing Academic Rigor in the Instructional Program

PSAT INFORMATION

PSAT TEST DATES AND DEADLINES are listed at

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/testing/psat/deadlines>

The state is paying for the PSAT for all sophomores. The 2012 PSAT is October 17.

CCRPI: Attached is the current DRAFT (dated JULY 9, 2012) of the College and Career Ready Performance Index for all three levels. TAC work on weights and calculations is underway in July.

ESOL/Title III

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Online Project EXPRESS (Exam Preparation for Student Success)

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ACCEL and Move on When Ready (MOWR)

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The purpose of this communication is to provide clarification regarding the coding of postsecondary courses for the ACCEL and Move On When Ready (MOWR) dual enrollment programs. As described in State Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.20, a 4 added as the fifth numerical digit to the right of the decimal in the high school course number indicates that students receive credit for the course while taking it for dual enrollment credit at an approved postsecondary public or private institution.

- In addition, the use of the 4 as the fifth numerical digit to the right of the decimal in the high school course number will differentiate between high school and postsecondary courses that appear to be duplicates. Duplicate course numbers can be utilized as long as the same course numbers are not used within the same semester for block schedules or the same year for year-long schedules. The words “Dual Enrollment” should be added at the beginning of the title of the course to distinguish between the high school and postsecondary courses. This applies **only** to the core courses on the Accel and MOWR course lists. ***Schools are allowed to accept duplicate courses through dual enrollment but all duplicate courses should only be transcribed as elective high school credit.***

- Dual enrollment is not available for summer school.
- Students are limited to 4 units of credit per semester and 8 units per year for dual credit participation.
- Students can earn a total of 8 units per year regardless of the combination of high school and college courses they take.

Beginning this fall, the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) has enacted several changes in the funding portion of the ACCEL program.

- Students can take unlimited semesters through ACCEL at a post-secondary institution. The post-secondary school still has requirements for admission so someone would need to contact the post-secondary school to determine these requirements (especially for incoming 9th graders).
- Georgia Student Finance Commission is no longer paying a portion of the book fees.
- Georgia Student Finance Commission is no longer paying a portion of the post-secondary's mandatory fees.

For information on how these fee changes impact your students, please contact the post-secondary school for details.

If you have any further questions related to this, please contact Patrick Blenke at ablenke@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-463-1765.

Response to Intervention (RTI)

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RTI

<http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Response-to-Intervention.aspx>

Student Support Team (SST)

<http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Student-Support-Teams/Pages/default.aspx>

Fall Conference Proposals: The Student Support Team Association for Georgia Educators is accepting program proposals for the 2012 Annual Fall Conference with a focus on RTI Interventions. The 2012 Fall SSTAGE Conference will be held in Dublin –September 12th at the DuBose Porter Center.

To register for Fall SSTAGE Conference: <http://www.sstage.org/>

School Psychologists

Fall Conference: Savannah: Building Alliances: One Person at a Time Monday, August 27 to Wednesday, August 29, 2012 to register :

<http://www.gaspnet.org/Default.aspx?pageId=604796&eventId=393949&EventViewMode=EventDetails>

GaDOE HIV/AIDS Prevention Program

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Georgia Virtual School (GaVS)

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Senate Bill 289 directs the state Board of Education to “maximize the number of students” who use digital learning to complete high school coursework in some way shape or form. This effort to maximize participation will begin with students entering the 9th grade during the 2014-2015 school year. In addition, all end-of-course examinations will be available online starting the 2015-2016 school year.

Online education is a significant and fast-growing segment of education. Senate Bill 289 was passed on a largely bipartisan basis in an effort to use all available tools to educate Georgia’s students and make Georgia a national leader in this growing field.

Thanks to Senate Bill 289, local school districts and parents of Georgia public, private, school students have the opportunity to choose Georgia Virtual School to supply, supplement, and enhance learning experiences for **ALL** students throughout our state.

Student Stories:

1. Student in Chatham County has single parent household, and parent is getting deployed in August for ten months. Daughter is able to maintain Ga residency, move to central Georgia to live with distant relative, take GaVS classes, and return to her home high school next school year when mom returns from deployment. Teen daughter is not forced to transition to new face-to-face high school because GaVS exists.
2. We have a few others who will go with their parents on deployment this fall, maintain Ga residency, and continue education with GaVS while in another country.

Parents are most appreciative in these situations because their children are their top priority. When brief deployments cause teens to be uprooted, parents and students get apprehensive. GaVS offers an option for students!

Teacher Stories:

Our Georgia Virtual School AP Biology teacher, Laela Mitchell, was accepted with a scholarship to the National Association of Biology Teachers/BSCS AP Biology Leadership Academy. She attended a week long training in June and will participate in the NABT conference this fall. The leadership academy requires a two year commitment so she will be attending next year as well.

Erin Ivy Hill, M.A.T.

Coordinator of Instruction, Georgia Virtual School

Gifted Education

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Migrant Education and Refugee Programs

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For information on the Migrant Education Program, please visit our website:

<http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Migrant-Education-Program.aspx>

Important Dates:

August 3, 2012	Region 3 “Mini-Conference”	Cherokee County Board of Education
August 7, 2012	Region 2 “Mini-Conference”	Coastal Plains RESA
August 9, 2012	Region 1 “Mini-Conference”	Toombs County Middle School
October 11-12, 2012	Georgia MEP State Conference	Macon State College

Math Science Partnership

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Mathematics Science Partnership (MSP) Grant

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is accepting proposals for grants awarded by the Georgia Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Program. All proposals must be physically received in suite 1754 at the GaDOE by 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 14, 2012**. The RFP and corresponding proposal framework document for the MSP Program grants are posted on the MSP Program page, go to www.gadoe.org and type “MSP” in the search engine.

The Georgia MSP Program seeks to improve the content knowledge and ability to analyze student thinking of cohort groups of mathematics and/or science teachers of grades K-5, 6-8, and/or 9-12 in order to increase the achievement of their students. These improvement efforts are designed, implemented, and evaluated by strong partnerships between college and university faculty, high-need school systems, RESAs, and other qualifying partners.

Technical Assistance Webinar Sessions

These sessions were recorded and links are posted at the MSP site at www.gadoe.org (type “MSP” into the search engine).

June 20 Part 1- Understanding GA MSP
Developing Partnerships
Conducting a Needs Assessment

June 21 Part 2- Designing a Work Plan
Assessment Pieces
Creating a Budget

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Science

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Next Generation Science Standards

Georgia has been selected as one of the 20 states that will lead the development of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), a state-led effort that will clearly define the content and practices all students will need to learn from kindergarten through high school graduation. The NGSS process is being managed by Achieve, a non-partisan education non-profit.

The first draft of the Next Generation Science Standards was released in May of 2012. The second public draft will be released towards the end of this year. The standards are being developed based on the vision of the Framework for K-12 Science Education, published last year by the National Research Council (NRC). We encourage all science teachers and administrators to become familiar with this document. You can download the Framework free from The National Academies Press website at www.nap.edu. Please contact Juan-Carlos Aguilar (jaguilar@doe.k12.ga.us) if you would like to receive up-dates on this process.

Professional Learning via Georgia Public Broadcasting

Science teachers can now view two live-streaming sessions that focus on the integration of the literacy standards for reading and writing into science instruction. These sessions provide guidance to answer the questions

1. How can students’ work in literacy support their understanding of science?
2. How can their work in science actually improve literacy skills?

These sessions are archived on the GeorgiaStandards.org web site at the following link:

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Common-Core/Pages/ELA.aspx>

Educational In Nature

Georgia Pacific is announcing the launch of its series “Educational In Nature”, an environmental education curriculum designed to foster understanding and environmental awareness in the classroom for grades 4-5. “Educational In Nature” lesson plans provide teachers, parents, and student/education group leaders with additional ideas and activities that can be incorporated into lesson plans or the study of a specific topic. Materials for this series can be found at <http://www.gp.com/EducationalinNature/lessonplans.html>

2013 Georgia Science and Engineering Fair (GSEF)

The Georgia Science and Engineering Fair (GSEF) is one of a number of learning experiences that help young people meet the challenges of the future. It provides a stage from which the junior high and high school students of Georgia can demonstrate their serious contributions to the advancement of society and our way of life.

The schedule for the 2013 GSEF is below:

2013 GSEF Planning Schedule (special schedule due to Easter falling the last week of March)		
Wednesday	August 1, 2012	Directors’ Meeting at UGA Georgia Center
Friday	February 15, 2013	Last day to complete Regional Fairs
	7 days after your fair	E- or paper list of winners due at GSEF
	7 days after your fair	Finalists’ paper documents due at GSEF
Friday	March 1, 2013	Last day for finalists’ corrections/edits and fees for GSEF qualification and printed program.
Thurs-Sat	March 21-23, 2013	GSEF in Athens

The registration fee per student is \$39. More information about the GSEF can be found at their webpage (www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/gsef) or by contacting the GSEF Program Coordinator Mrs. Christine Burgoyne by calling the GSEF phone line (706-542-3554 or 706-542-6473).

2012 Avionics System Design Competition

The 31 IEEE Digital Avionics System Conference is holding a special event Avionics Design Competition for high school students with the goal of promoting high school students’ interest in aerospace and electrical engineering. The topic for this competition is Individual Air Travel in 2112, and you could find more information at www.dasconline.org. This event is sponsored by AIAA Digital Avionics Technical Committee and IEEE Aerospace & Electronics Systems Society.

The selected student team will be provided support to attend this international conference held in Williamsburg, VA on Oct. 15, 2012, and present their design to world-renowned experts in avionics. The winning students will receive a cash reward or equivalent-value gifts. This is a great opportunity for high school students to study for science and technology this summer. If you have more questions, please contact Leihong Li at llhgatech@gmail.com.

STEM

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Georgia STEM Institute

The Georgia Department of Education recently completed the 2nd Annual Georgia STEM Institutes. The first one was hosted by Gulfstream in Savannah where teachers were exposed to a variety of STEM industries and career possibilities for students including NOAA, Georgia Power, The Coastal Gardens, and St. Joseph's Candler Hospital. The second was conducted in Atlanta where teachers visited Lockheed Martin, CryoLife, Quality Technology Services, the Georgia Tech Food Processing Lab, the GSU Bio-Bus, SPSU and heard speakers from Texas Instruments, VEX Robotics, KSU, Women In Technology, and The U.S. Dept. of Labor.



Ga STEM Institute @ Gulfstream



Ga STEM Institute @ Lockheed Martin

Save the Dates

Georgia STEM Festival in Perry

The Georgia Department of Education CTAE division will be hosting a state STEM Festival in Perry, GA in conjunction with the National Fair from Oct. 10th-12th beginning at 10:00 am each day and ending at 8:00 pm. If you are interested in exhibiting to highlight the STEM program in your school, please contact Gilda Lyon @ 404.463.1977 or email at glyon@doe.k12.ga.us.

Augusta STEM Festival- The Georgia Department of Education and Augusta Technical College will host a STEM Festival for the Richmond County Schools on Oct. 26th. If you are interested in attending or exhibiting, please contact Gilda Lyon @ 404.463.1977 or email at glyon@doe.k12.ga.us.

STEM Georgia Webpage

The STEM Georgia webpage is available at <http://stemgeorgia.org>.

Included on the webpage are funding opportunities for STEM programs, summer workshops & conferences, student opportunities, teacher resources, and STEM competitions.

Follow STEM Georgia on Twitter

Immediate updates on grants, workshops, competitions, scholarships, and STEM resources:

<http://twitter.com/stemgeorgia>

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Special Education Teacher Newsletter Reminder!

The Division for Special Education Services and Supports publishes a newsletter that is sent out to Georgia Special Educators quarterly. The Special Education Newsletter provides tips, current research based and best

practice information. It also provides GaDOE updates for Georgia teachers. To sign up for the Special Education Newsletter, teachers send a blank email to join-specialeducation@list.doe.k12.ga.us. Previous copies may be viewed by visiting the Special Education Section of the GaDOE website.

Statewide Longitudinal Data System

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GaDOE's Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS)



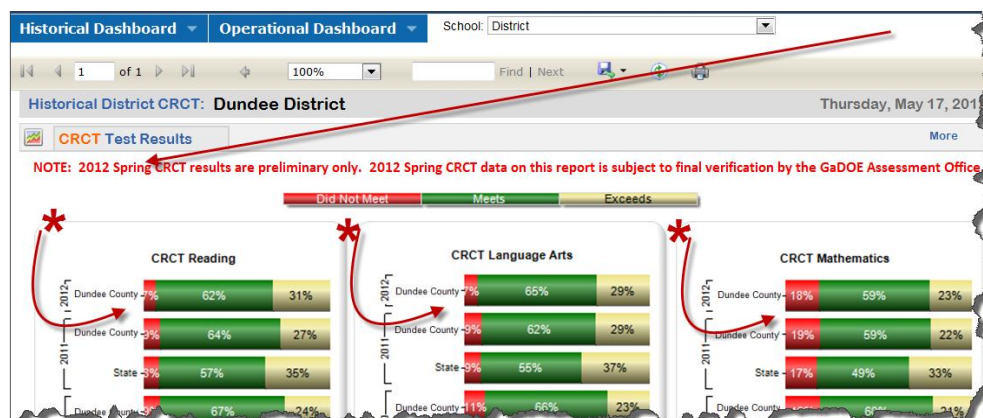
The SLDS is designed to improve instruction by bringing student data to the teacher's desktop through a district's Student Information System (SIS). **As of July 10th, all but two school systems in** the state have access to the SLDS information through their SIS, most teachers are just one click away from accessing 5+ years of Historical data on their students. In essence, the SLDS is a student's permanent records folder in digital form.

Recent SLDS Updates – Spring 2012 EOCCT Data & Spring 2012 GHSGT added to SLDS

Spring 2012 EOCCT results have been loaded into SLDS. This affects the District Dashboard, School Dashboard and the Student Profile.

Spring 2012 GHSGT results have been loaded into SLDS. This affects the District Dashboard, School Dashboard, Teacher Dashboard and the Student Profile.

FYI - The 2012 **PRELIMINARY** CRCT main administration results have been loaded into SLDS. The 2012 CRCT results are **PRELIMINARY** data and will be overwritten **within the next couple of weeks** with **OFFICIAL** results. The State comparisons have been temporarily removed from the LDS Charts. The State comparisons will return when the 2012 CRCT results become official and final, which we anticipate sometime around the first week of July.



REMOVE the CIRCLE DIAGRAM info

SLDS Training

The SLDS is comprised of many resources. While most users are finding SLDS easy and intuitive, the SLDS team is offering face-to-face training to all districts that are connected to the SLDS.

- More information: <http://slds.doe.k12.ga.us/Pages/Contact-and-Connect-with-SLDS.aspx>
- Free online training modules: <http://www.gavirtualllearning.org/pl/slds>

Title IV-A: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities

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Learning Resources/Textbooks

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The review of K-12 Mathematics' materials is now complete. The Mathematics Learning Resources Advisory Committee is in the process of compiling a state recommended list for grades K-12 Mathematics. This list will be submitted to the State Board of Education for their approval. After the State Board approves the list, it will be posted on our textbook webpage. Also, we will send the state recommended list to curriculum directors.

NEXT CIA Monthly Update Webinar is scheduled for:
Monday, August 27, 2012