

State Board of Education Update

HEALTH EDUCATION GEORGIA PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (GPS) PRECISION REVIEW

The Georgia Department of Education welcomes your feedback and comments regarding this survey opportunity for review and revision of the Georgia Performance Standards for Health Education. This survey feedback opportunity will be utilized to inform the development of Health Education Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE).

The survey will be posted for 30 days beginning May 8, 2019, through June 7, 2019. The survey will close at 5 p.m. EDT June 7, 2019.

If you have questions regarding the survey or standards, please contact [Therese McGuire](#) or [Mike Tenoschok](#), Health and Physical Education Program Specialists at the Georgia Department of Education.

- [Access Survey](#)

Curriculum and Instruction Update

NEW CURRICULUM DIRECTOR'S ORIENTATION

The annual New Curriculum Director's Orientation co-sponsored by GACIS and GaDOE is scheduled for August 6, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Georgia Department of Education's West Tower, 10th floor training rooms.

- [Registration](#)

REP UPDATE

The 2019-2020 Remedial Education Program (REP) Guidance Document for Grades 6-12 has been revised and posted to the Curriculum and Instruction website.

- [Access Guidance Document](#)

Contact: [Justin Hill](#)

Teaching and Learning Update

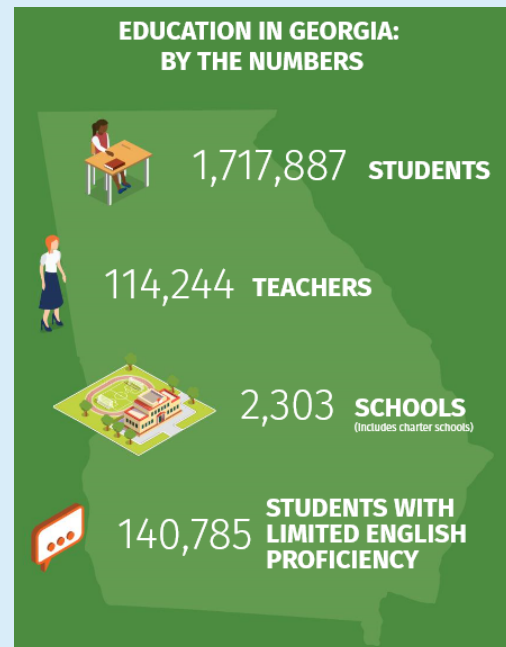
EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES: ANNUAL REPORT OF GADOE

Georgia's educators continue to improve and expand opportunities for all Georgians, as reported in the [GaDOE 2018-19 Annual Report](#). This report compiles some of the highlights from the past year so we can all celebrate Georgia's improvements.

Over 70 STEM/STEAM Certified schools are one piece of evidence of how schools are meeting the needs of 21st Century learners. Georgia's continuous improvement in Advanced Placement participation and scores is more evidence. Interestingly, even as AP rates rise, so does dual-enrollment—just more proof that we are building a culture that values rigorous learning and multiple paths to meeting a child's potential.

Please find time to read the annual report and spread the good news about Georgia's public education system.

Contact: [Caitlin McMunn Dooley](#)



Science

FEEDBACK NEEDED – PROPOSED GSE FOR HS SCIENCE COURSES

The Georgia Department of Education welcomes your feedback and comments regarding this survey opportunity to review the proposed Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for 12 high school science courses: Astronomy, Botany, Ecology, Entomology, Epidemiology, Forensic Science, Geology, Human Anatomy & Physiology, Meteorology, Microbiology, Oceanography, and Zoology. The survey will be posted for 30 days beginning May 10, 2019 through June 10, 2019. Please share broadly!

- [Access Survey](#)

If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact [Amanda Buice](#), GaDOE Science Program Manager.

TAKE A DEEP DIVE THIS SUMMER!

Register now for a FREE session on July 10, 2019, in partnership with Chattahoochee-Flint RESA and South Georgia Technical College. Join GaDOE trained Science Ambassadors and teacher leaders to closely examine the 5th, 8th, high school biology and high school physical science GSE. Participants will look carefully at each standard and discuss using phenomena to engage students in figuring out.

- [Registration and Additional Details](#)

Contact: [Amanda Buice](#)

English Language Arts and Literacy

2019 SUMMER LITERACY CONFERENCE

The 2019 Summer Literacy Conference: Literacy and the Whole Child, will take place in Macon July 9-11. The conference is designed for all literacy educators and leaders, including school and district leaders, all content area teachers, media specialists, instructional coaches, and support staff.

- [View Conference Highlights](#)
- [Registration and Additional Information](#)

SUMMER LITERACY MINI-GRANTS

The Georgia Department of Education, in partnership with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education, is awarding Summer Literacy Mini-Grants to six Georgia schools.

The grants of up to \$3,600 are designed to support innovative summer literacy initiatives in school media centers. Media specialists interested in designing school- or community-based summer literacy experiences for students were invited to apply.

- [View List of the 2019 Grant Recipients](#)

YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS

This prestigious competition has been engaging Georgia students for more than two decades and is open to any student currently enrolled in Georgia public schools, grades K-12. The competition is sponsored by the Georgia Language Arts Supervisors (GLAS) and the Georgia RESA Network with support from the GaDOE.

- [View the List of the 2019 State-level Winners](#)

Contact [Amy Fouse](#) for more information.

READER OF THE YEAR

This competition has been engaging and honoring Georgia students since 1985 and is open to any student grades K-12 and is currently enrolled in Georgia schools. The competition is sponsored by the Georgia Reading Association (GRA) with support from the English Language Arts Department of the Georgia Department of Education.

- [View the List of the 2019 State-level Winners](#)

Contact [Julie Walker](#) for more information about Reader of the Year.

Contact: [Stephanie Sanders](#)

Fine Arts

FINE ARTS DIPLOMA SEAL RECIPIENTS INCREASE



The 2018-2019 academic year saw a 59% increase in the number of students receiving Fine Arts Diploma Seals. Roughly 5,000 Georgia graduating seniors have their diplomas marked with the seal, which verifies the completion of a Fine Arts Pathway as well as 20 hours of arts related community service. These students have each taken a series of three full credits in the Fine Arts subject areas of Dance, Media Arts, Music, Theatre, or Visual Art.

The news of a growing interest in Fine Arts-related fields could not come at a better time for Georgia. The Georgia Department of Economic Development and the Georgia Council for the Arts note that with 200,000 people employed, "the creative industries represent 5 percent of all employment," in the state of Georgia. The organizations also point out that "artists and arts organizations play an important role in our state in driving tourism and local economic growth by significantly expanding the number of people enjoying artistic and cultural endeavors, creating jobs, supporting arts education, and enriching community identity. The creative industries in Georgia represent a combined \$37 billion in revenue." All indications suggest that these numbers are continuing to grow. We are happy to celebrate the accomplishments of the Georgia students who obtained these seals and are now better prepared to help meet the needs and challenges of Georgia's thriving creative industry careers.

- [Download the GaDOE Fine Arts Diploma Seal Brochure](#)

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR IMPORTANT FINE ARTS EDUCATOR CONFERENCES

The Registration is now open for the 2019 GA Theatre Educators Conference. The conference includes workshops and guest artists aimed at re-affirming and strengthening skills and enhancing teaching and directing experiences. Workshops cover a wide range of topics that include set construction, acting, curriculum and unit planning, and sound techniques. Conference dates are August 23-24, 2019.

- [More Information](#)

The Woodruff Arts Center Educator Conference will take place June 4-5, 2019. This year the focus will be for Fine Arts education for the first day and Arts Integration and STEAM for the second. Participants will have the option to participate in one or both days.

- [More Information](#)

Contact: [Paul McClain](#)

Georgia Virtual School

GEORGIA CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM: A SUMMER OPTION FOR STUDENTS

The Georgia Credit Recovery Program (GaCR) is a second-chance option for students who were initially unsuccessful at their first course attempt. Offering many core courses and limited electives, GaCR is a great option for Georgia public and private school students who need to recover a credit. Courses are 26 weeks in duration, with flexible schedules, and are not facilitated by a teacher. The program must be approved and monitored by the local school in order to enroll. Contact [Margaret Thomas](#) to learn how the Georgia Credit Recovery Program can be the right option for your students this summer!

Contact: [Margaret Thomas](#)

STEM/STEAM

STEM/STEAM FORUM

Register now for the state's premier annual STEM/STEAM event. The Forum brings together leaders, innovators, and champions from across the state that are united by a passion to advance excellence in STEM/STEAM education for all students.

Attend to learn how schools across Georgia, in partnership with business and industry, bring STEM/STEAM teaching and learning into their classrooms. See how STEM and STEAM Certification is leading the way to impact K-12 education through interdisciplinary connections, design thinking, and hands-on learning experience.

Cost to Attend: \$150 (both days include lunch)

- [Registration](#)

Contact: [Meghan McFerrin](#)

ESOL

SUMMER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (NOT SPONSORED BY GADOE)

2nd Annual South Georgia MTSS Conference

Colquitt County MTSS will host the South Georgia MTSS Conference May 29, 2019 in Norman Park. Keynote speaker Jo Gusman will present "Accelerating Literacy Skills & Content Learning for English Learners."

- [Registration](#)

For general information, contact [Dr. Tabathia Baldy](#).

Instructional Conversations - Summer 2019

The Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education (CLASE) at the University of Georgia is offering several 2019 Summer and Fall Instructional Conversation Institutes. Each Institute provides 30-hours of foundational professional learning focused on the research-based pedagogy: Instructional Conversations (IC).

- [Registration](#)
- [General Information](#)

WestEd

WestEd is offering a two-day institute in Atlanta on June 25 and 26, 2019 to give classroom teachers, administrators, and support personnel an opportunity to learn about the research and unique needs of students with disabilities and dual-identified students (English learner students with disabilities - ELSWD), and how to better incorporate effective instructional strategies into their daily grade level classroom instructional planning.

- [Registration](#)

Contact: [Jacqueline C. Ellis](#)

World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives

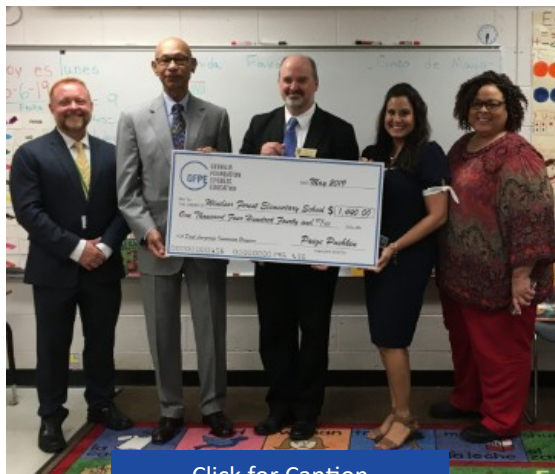
GEORGIA SEAL OF BILITERACY PARTICIPATION INCREASES FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

The end of the first reporting cycle for the Georgia Seal of Biliteracy ended on May 1. A total of 1,216 Seals were reported from 28 districts in 12 different languages including; Spanish, French, German, Chinese, Japanese, Latin, ASL, Bulgarian, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Russian and Twi. These numbers represent an 11% increase over last year's first cycle reporting. The second cycle deadline is September 1 for those earning the Seal via AP or IB test scores.

INTERNATIONAL SKILLS DIPLOMA SEAL UPDATE

Georgia's innovative International Skills Diploma Seal program celebrated the completion of its fourth year with the awarding of 857 Seals to seniors in 21 participating school districts. The International Skills Diploma Seal is awarded to graduating high school students who complete an international education curriculum and engage in extracurricular activities and experiences that foster the achievement of global competencies. It is a signal to employers and higher education institutions that a student is prepared to participate in the global economy.

2019 DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION GRANTS AWARDED!



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The Georgia Department of Education World Languages and Global Workforce Initiatives in partnership with the Georgia Foundation for Public Education is pleased to award five Georgia Dual Language Immersion Programs with needed support for their programs. The grants, awarded via a competitive grant application process, will be distributed during the month of May. The following schools were awarded grants under this program: Windsor Forest ES and Haven ES in Savannah, Brandywine ES in Forsyth, Unidos Dual Language School in Clayton and Brookwood ES in Dalton.

ATLANTA GLOBAL STUDIES SYMPOSIUM A SUCCESS

The Georgia Department of Education was a proud co-sponsor of this year's Atlanta Global Studies Symposium on the campus of Georgia Tech. The three day Symposium focused on global education, advanced language learning, international studies, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at Georgia Tech recently featured [the event with the vision of Atlanta as a global education hub](#).

- [View Guidance at a Glance regarding the availability of Language programs with GaDOE University/College World Language Partners](#)

Contact: [Patrick Wallace](#)

Mathematics

NEW GEORGIA MATHTALKS PODCAST SERIES



The Georgia Department of Education is excited to announce the launch of a new [Podcast Series called Georgia MathTalks!](#) This podcast series will feature mathematics leaders from the local, state, and national mathematics education community. Through this podcast series, the GaDOE is sharing information, empowering Georgia educators, promoting mathematical literacy and ensuring equity in mathematics education for all Georgia students. The first two episodes are centered around College and Career Readiness. Please listen and join the quest to mathematize the world!

MATHEMATICAL LITERACY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SESSION

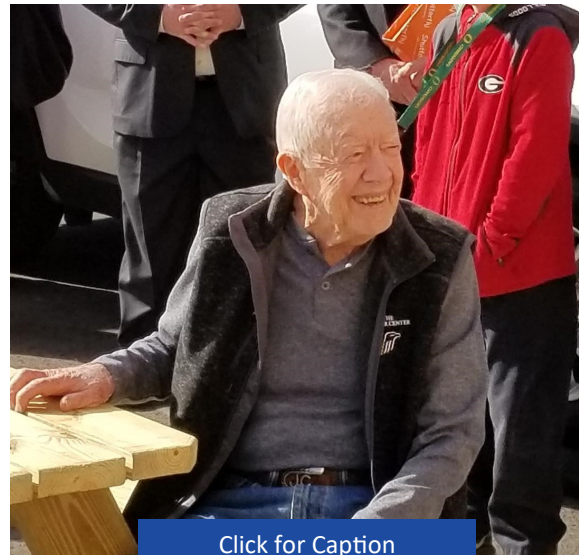
Calling all K-12 Mathematics Teachers! Please join us for the Promoting Mathematical Literacy in K-12 Classrooms Professional Learning Session on July 17, 2019, at the Summer GAEL Conference in Jekyll Island, Georgia.

- [Learning Session Flyer](#)
- [Registration](#)

Contact: [Mike Wiernicki](#)

Jimmy Carter National Historic Site WAITING FOR YOUR CLASSROOM!

Georgia students have had the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of a future president and first lady as they have learned about the life and legacy of President and Mrs. Carter through the education programs at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site. The education staff has hosted over 6,000 Georgia students during the 2018-2019 school year. An additional 1,500 students were reached through classroom visits and virtual field trips via Skype.



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The education staff at the JCNHS is excited about the FREE, standards-based programs available for the 2019-2020 school year. We offer on-site, school-based, and virtual programming for Pre-K through High School students as well as numerous competitive events and special programming. It is not too early to book a trip for the 2019-2020 school year. There is no admission fee to our program and school bus funding is available upon request.

- [More Information](#)

Contact: [Marle C. Usry](#)

Social Studies

GEO-INQUIRY AND THE ART OF STORYTELLING

Join GaDOE Staff and a NatGeo Explorer to integrate science, social studies and visual arts centered around real world issues and phenomena. Discover the integral role of images in storytelling. Gain an understanding of the National Geographic Learning Framework, a standards-aligned tool designed to develop an explorer's mindset in students of any age.

Audience: K-12 Science, Social Studies, and Visual Arts Teachers

Date: 9/18/2019 thru 9/19/2019

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- [Registration](#)

Contact: [Joy Hatcher](#)

Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students

WELCOME COHORT 2

Six school districts and all of Georgia's State Schools have been selected to participate in Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students Cohort 2. Cohort 2 districts include:

- Bulloch County School District
- Douglas County School District
- DuBois Integrity Academy
- Early County School District
- GaDOE State Schools (Georgia Academy for the Blind, Georgia School for the Deaf, Atlanta Area School for the Deaf)
- Johnson County Schools
- Oglethorpe County School System

State Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) coaches will provide district and school professional development, technical assistance, and ongoing coaching to support the implementation of a personalized and sustainable MTSS framework.

NEW ONLINE COURSE

Georgia's first online learning module "Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students: An Overview" has been launched. This module gives an overview of MTSS and its five essential components. The learning module is available through the SLDS platform.

NEW MTSS PLATFORM COMING SOON

Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) Technology Services is creating a new platform that is designed to make monitoring students' response to intervention(s) a little easier. The SLDS platform is available at no cost to districts. It will merge the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) and the Response to Intervention (RTI) data gathering process and help schools select services and supports that can have a significant impact on a child's ability to learn new skills, overcome challenges, and increase success in school and life.

- [Learn More About Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students](#)

Contact: [Jacqueline C. Ellis](#)

National Summer Learning Association's National Conference

It's time to get ready for the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA)'s national conference, Summer Changes Everything™, October 21-23, 2019 at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. This year, NSLA welcomes Dr. Steve Perry, one of the most sought after educators in America, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Perry is the educator Oprah Winfrey, Sean "P-Diddy" Combs, Bishop TD Jakes and Steve Harvey call on to offer insight to parents and children.

Computer Science

SUPPORTING CS WITH TITLE IV

Title IV A is a component of ESSA that is designed to, among other things, promote the development of well-rounded students and help students access technology that builds digital literacy. With the adoption of the new GSE for K-8 Computer Science in March and the signing of the Computer Science legislation, SB 108, in May, districts are looking for more ways to support Computer Science education. There are several ways districts can use their Title IV funds to support Computer Science. One of the glaring needs for districts is finding or developing teachers with computer science experiences, credentials, and efficacy. Since Computer Science is considered "beyond the core," Title IV A provides an opportunity for districts to pay for teacher training or a Computer Science teacher endorsement under the well rounded category. Currently there are five endorsement programs across the state with most offering hybrid or fully online options. Potential Computer Science teachers are in need of two types of training -- content and/or pedagogy, depending on their background -- and an endorsement program provides both. Title IV A also provides an opportunity for districts to purchase equipment that would support the development of a strong digital citizenry.

- [CS Credentialing Information](#)

For more information on how to use Title IV funds to support your CS program and overall digital citizenship, contact [Dawna Hatchet](#) (Federal Programs) or [Bryan Cox](#) (Curriculum and Instruction).

Contact: [Bryan Cox](#)

Nutrition

SIZZLING SUMMER MEALS

School's out for the summer, but meals are still available for children 2-18. Summer meals is one of the many ways School Nutrition is tackling food insecurity.

Locations are popping up throughout the state at schools, libraries, parks, housing projects, churches and more. Find a meal location by texting FOODGA to 97770, call the National Hunger Hotline (1-966-3-HUNGRY) or check out the [FoodFinder](#).



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Literacy is on the menu at many summer meal locations, offering opportunities for children to lunch and learn.

- [Learn More](#)

Contact: [Sarah Combs](#)

College Readiness and Talent Development

FALL GIFTED REGIONAL MEETINGS

Please save the date! The College Readiness and Talent Development team will be hosting their annual Fall Gifted Regional meetings at the following locations. Specific information will be sent to District Gifted Coordinators this summer.

- August 20th - Coastal Plains RESA
- August 22nd - Houston County
- September 4th - Carter Historic Site, Plains
- September 10th - Pioneer RESA
- September 12th - North Georgia RESA
- September 17th - Clayton County
- September 19th - Georgia Southern University
- September 24th - Oconee RESA

AP TEACHER NETWORK

The College Readiness and Talent Development team would like to compile a current list of Advanced Placement Teachers in the state. We will use this list to share with our teachers information and updates from the state and the College Board. Please note, the GaDOE will share teacher contact information among AP teachers in Georgia to enhance collaboration and communication across the state.

- [Join the AP Teacher Network](#)

AP FALL REGIONAL ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS

Each fall, the College Readiness and Talent Development Team at the Georgia Department of Education offers professional development for new Advanced Placement teachers. Each workshop is designed to support teachers who have 0-3 years of AP teaching experience; however, any AP teacher who feels a need for additional support and resources is welcome to register. Each workshop session will be led by a highly successful Georgia high school AP teacher. Workshops will occur in October. Information will be sent to AP Coordinators and posted on the GaDOE website in early July.

Contact: [Martha Smith](#)

CTAE

CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SUMMER WORKSHOPS

The Power of Readiness and Preparedness

Come learn how to support readiness and preparedness as students work to prepare for post-high school endeavors. The conference on June 5-7, 2019 in Brunswick will consist of interactive workshops and hospitality and industry tours. Session topics will include: Taking Care of Business: Navigating a Career Road Map for the New Generation Student; Effective Communication Skills for students; Effective Strategies to Search for Scholarships; and many more.

Developing Opportunities to Transform Students

Through intentional counseling, school counselors are poised to create significant changes in the lives of students. Come fill your school counselor toolbox on June 11, 2019 in Macon, GA with engaging school-counselor focused workshops. Session topics will include: How to Bridge Data and Technology into Your School Counseling Program; CTAE 101: Everything You Wanted to Know About CTAE Pathways; Recognizing and Resolving Conflict; How Students Can Earn Prior Learning Credit (PLA); and many more.

Gold Star Standards

How are school counselors contributing to student readiness? Are you truly equipping students with the skills for the 21st century? Come on June 13, 2019 to Marietta to develop rich language and skills to help you take student achievement and wellness to the next level. Session topics will include: You and Your Money: Financial Literacy for Students; Collaborating with Stakeholders; How Students Can Earn Prior Learning Credit (PLA); Recognizing and Resolving Conflict, and many more.

- [Conference and Workshop Registration](#)

National School Social Worker of the Year

Georgia's own Dr. Terriyn Rivers-Cannon has been named National School Social Worker of the Year by the School Social Work Association of America. Dr. Rivers-Cannon is a School Social Worker in the Atlanta Public School System. She received her award during the School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA) annual conference in Orlando, on April 5th, 2019.

Contact: [Brent Shropshire](#)

CTAE COURSE SURVEYS

Elementary School

The Georgia Department of Education welcomes your feedback and comments regarding a [survey opportunity for the review of Elementary School Performance Standards](#) for 6 Elementary School Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses/programs (grades K-5). This survey feedback will be used to inform the review and revision of Elementary School Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Performance Standards for those courses.

Middle School

The Georgia Department of Education welcomes your feedback and comments regarding a [survey opportunity for the review of Middle School Performance Standards](#) for 9 Middle School Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses/programs (grades 6-8). This survey feedback will be used to inform the review and revision of Middle School Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Performance Standards for those courses.

School and District Effectiveness

MCREL'S DISTRICT BALANCED LEADERSHIP 3-DAY INSTITUTE

Join The Division of School and District Effectiveness is excited to announce an opportunity for district leadership teams to engage in our three-day institute on McREL's District Balanced Leadership Framework. District Leadership That Works will [support district leaders in the following methods](#).

Dates: July 9-11, 2019; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Georgia Department of Education

Sloppy Floyd Building, West Tower 10th Floor, Training Rooms A-C

205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30024

Audience: District Leadership Teams of 5+ Recommended

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 7, 2019

There is no registration fee for this institute. Meal and beverages will not be provided.

- [More Information](#)
- [Registration](#)

Contact: [Dawn Ashmore](#)