

Teaching and Learning Summit

Oconee and CSRA RESAs

March 22, 2024

8:00 AM until 3:30 PM

8:30 – 9:00 – Keynote – Dr. April Aldridge, Teaching and Learning

TIME: 9:15 – 10:15 AM

TOPIC: Get Connected with GaCONNECTS

Presenter: Dr. Keith Osburn, GaDOE Chief Information Officer and Joyce Bearden, Director of Knowledge and Resource Management

Description: Educators will leave this session with a deep knowledge and understanding of the GaCONNECTS suite. Take a hands-on deep dive into SuitCASE, INSPIRE, Community, and GaLEARNS and be ready to take these exciting tools back to educators in your district.

TOPIC: Elevate Teachers Using GaLEADS

Presenter: DeOnna Dalton and Beth Green, Educator Support Specialists

Description: Join this engaging session to receive an overview of GaLEADS for Teachers, the new teacher development system that is currently being piloted by 17 districts in Georgia. Participants will gain understanding of why GaLEADS exists and the theory of action that drives decisions, foundational insight of key GaLEADS elements, and recognition that GaLEADS is a shift from evaluation to development using a coaching model.

TOPIC: The Odyssey of AI in K12 Education and the Quest for Tech-Savvy Scholars

Presenter: Lavita Williams, Computer Science Program Lead and Russell Paine, Technology Specialist, Office of Rural Education and Innovation

Description: Discover how AI principles bolster computational thinking, enabling students to craft algorithms, discern intricate data patterns, and engage profoundly with software dynamics. Learn how to weave AI literacy into your curriculum to ignite curiosity, systems-based exploration, and logical reasoning. Together, we can elevate our students' proficiency in AI literacy and computational skills to the forefront of

educational excellence. Let's pioneer a future where our learners are not just consumers, but innovators in the digital age.

TOPIC: K-12 Social Studies

Presenter: Jennifer Zoumeris, Program Specialist

Description: This session will share a world of resources to support inquiry-based instruction in the K-12 Social Studies classroom and includes a guided tour of all that Georgia Inspire has to offer in this content area. We will also provide updates on new resources and preview what is coming next for GaDOE Social Studies. You will leave this session with resources to support teachers with standards alignment, accessibility, and rigor in the social studies classroom.

TOPIC: Gifted and Advanced Academics

Presenter: Mary Jean Banter, Gifted Education and Advanced Academics Program Manager and Lisa Hackney, Gifted Education and Advanced Academics Program Specialist

Description: Differentiation in which the content, teaching strategies, and expectations of student mastery have been adjusted to be appropriate for gifted and advanced learners is essential to foster their engagement. This session will allow participants to learn about instructional resources available to teach gifted and advanced learners. Participants will be able to take a tour of the available resources and leave with more strategies to support the teaching of gifted and advanced learners.

TOPIC: Georgia's Tiered System of Supports: Avoiding Three Common Mistakes

Presenter: Benjamin Moore and Launa Chamberlin, Program Specialists for Georgia Tiered System of Supports, Office of Whole Child Supports

Description: During this interactive session, participants will learn about the Georgia Tiered System of Supports team's efforts to assist districts and schools in the implementation of a highly efficient and effective multi-tiered system of supports that includes academics, behavior, and well-being. The session will also aim to increase participant understanding of three common mistakes related to implementing a Tiered System of Supports as well as responses and resources to assist in avoiding those mistakes in the future.

TIME: 10:30 – 11:30

TOPIC: Get Connected with GaCONNECT (REPEAT)

TOPIC: Elementary Mathematics

Presenter: Mary Dawkins and Kenneth Golden, Math Program Specialists

Description: This engaging and insightful session tailored for mathematics leaders and educators will provide information and leadership tips to support the implementation of Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards. This session will provide a comprehensive overview of Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards for Grades K-5, including updates in curriculum standards, teaching methodologies, resources, and best practices. We will explore the intent of Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards, equipping participants with strategies to foster deeper conceptual understanding, support innovative teaching, and improve student outcomes. The session will also focus on the implementation of the Georgia Numeracy Project to support students' intervention needs. This session aims to empower K-5 leaders with practical tools and resources.

TOPIC: K-12 Literacy and HB 538

Presenter: Amy Denty, Director of Literacy

Description: This session will help instructional leaders to build and maintain knowledge concerning literacy efforts including Georgia's Early Literacy Act, Dyslexia Legislation, and Georgia's new K-12 English Language Arts Standards. Walk away with a deeper understanding and with practical strategies to leverage legislative requirements with instructional decisions that will support student and educator success in your buildings.

TOPIC: Dyslexia

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Lindstrom

Description: The presenter will provide legislative updates related to the forthcoming implementation of S.B. 48. Findings from the three-year Dyslexia Pilot Program Implementation will also be discussed. The remainder of the session will focus on guidance for screening for dyslexia as part of the MTSS process. There will be time allotted for Q & A at the end of the session.

TOPIC: K-12 Science

Presenter: Judie Beccaro, Program Specialist

Description: This session will share exciting new resources and updates for K-12 science! This presentation will provide you with access to hundreds of resources, teacher notes and course and grade level supports that will assist your teachers in planning and delivering standards aligned instruction in K12 Classrooms.

TOPIC: School Safety

Presenter: Mark Muma, School Safety Program Manager

Description: This session will focus on the steps to a successful emergency planning process and the best practices for creating an effective school safety plan. In addition, we'll also discuss the 2023 Safe Schools Act, the Safer Georgia Schools grant opportunity and the Ready Georgia Seal of Preparedness initiative.

12:45 – 1:45 – Keynote: Dr. Allison Timberlake – Assessment and Accountability

2:00 – 3:00 PM

TOPIC: Data based Decision Making for Foundational Literacy

Presenter: Dr. Charity Roberts, Instructional Specialist, Rural Education

Description: This session will describe the rationale and cumulative implementation process for districts to identify discrete skills necessary for automatic word recognition as part of structured literacy. The data analysis includes current levels of risk by student, class, grade, sub-group and school. School leadership teams and grade-level teams can use this data to determine implications and make instructional decisions for Tier I and Tier II reading instruction.

TOPIC: Secondary Mathematics

Presenter: Mary Dawkins and Kenneth Golden, Program Specialists

Description: This engaging and insightful session tailored for mathematics leaders and educators will provide information and leadership tips to support the implementation of Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards. This session will provide a comprehensive overview of Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards for Grades 6-12, including updates in curriculum standards, teaching methodologies, resources, and best practices.

We will explore the intent of Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards, equipping participants with strategies to foster deeper conceptual understanding, support innovative teaching, and improve student outcomes. The session will also focus on the implementation of the Georgia Numeracy Project to support students' intervention needs. This session aims to empower 6-12 leaders with practical tools and resources.

TOPIC: Teacher Recruitment and Retention (ESD and REI partnership)

Presenter: Dr. Jertarius Cook, Program Manager, Educator Development Services and Heather Finley, Teacher Retention and Recruitment Specialist, Office of Rural Education and Innovation

Description: Join us for a collaborative session led by the Educator Support and Development Division and the Office of Rural Education and Innovation. During this interactive session, participants will learn about current initiatives and projects aimed at enhancing educator recruitment, retention, and recognition across the state. Participants will engage in meaningful conversations with colleagues and discover their successful strategies related to the 3R's: recruitment, retention, and recognition.

TOPIC: Academic Recovery Specialist Team

Presenter: Jody Pate, Academic Recovery Specialist with SDI (GaDOE)

Description: Join this PL session to see how the Academic Recovery Team can assist and support strengthening Tier 1 instructional strategies in your district/region, while increasing teacher capacity as well. This presentation will enlighten instructional leaders on various resources and tools to enhance and strengthen the delivery of Tier 1 instruction.

TOPIC: Digital Media Literacy: Connecting and Collaborating Through Digital Tools

Presenter: Oluremi Wright, Digital Media and Literacy Program Manager; Dana Munson, Digital Media and Literacy Program Specialist.

Description: Let's connect and explore the GA Home Classroom. GHC was created by and for all Georgia teachers. In this session, check out the wealth of free, vetted resources available in GHC – plans, videos, podcasts, discussion guides. GHC is multi-modal and offers excellent resources for professional learning and collaboration. Join us in this session to explore GHC collaboration through the Inspire and Community platforms.

TOPIC: K-12 ELA Standards 101

Presenter: Felicia Purdy, Director of C&I and Breanne Huston, ELA Program Manager

Description: Join us for a high-level overview of Georgia's K-12 English Language Arts Standards and leave with tips and resources to support your next steps in planning for district and school level implementation.