What’s New with Science

New Virtual Professional Learning Communities for TEACHERS

GaDOE has launched a new innovative platform to provide the opportunity for science teachers and GaDOE staff to collaborate, connect and share thoughts and resources as well as encouragement for the 2020-2021 school year! The instructions below will help guide you in the creation of your account and navigating to the virtual professional learning communities that you are interested in. We look forward to connecting!

Step 1: To get started, visit the GaDOE community website via this link, select Create an Account and follow the prompts for setting up a new account on the platform.

Step 2: Once you have completed your account you will have to wait briefly for activation/approval. Once approved, you are ready to join a group! Navigate to the Groups section. For science teachers and leaders, there are several groups available to join: Select and join the groups you are most interested in.

The EOC in Biology Remains

The State Board of Education (SBOE) took actions related to statewide assessment at its August 27, 2020 meeting. The SBOE passed a resolution selecting the following four courses to continue to include end-of-course assessment requirements under Senate Bill 367: Algebra I/Coordinate Algebra, American Literature and Composition, Biology, and U.S. History. Students completing courses in Geometry/Analytic Geometry, Ninth Grade Literature and Composition, Physical Science, and Economics during the 2020-2021 school year are no longer required to take an end-of-course assessment.

Teaching High School Physical Science in Middle School

Some systems offer high school physical science in middle grades. Realizing that our 8th grades students haven't had physical science since 5th grade, teachers may want to use this side-by-side guidance document to see how the courses align and for recommendations about how to address possible pre-requisite standards students may need. Middle school students taking the high school physical science course will take the State assessment with items aligned to the high school physical science course (not the 8th grade EOG). This will only be available for middle school students taking high school physical science.
Remote Learning Resources

Remote learning plans for grades K-8, biology, environmental science, chemistry, physical science and physics are posted on the GPB Georgia Home Classroom. These are sample plans designed for remote learning (plugged and unplugged). Additional plans are currently under development!

Phenomenal PL Playlist

ON-DEMAND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

With many conferences and face-to-face PL events canceling, here are some recorded PL opportunities to use if and when you need them. You can also find registration links for upcoming live sessions. In addition to the new Virtual Professional Learning Communities, we will have Virtual Specialists conducting webinars. These Virtual Specialists, are current educators in the field doing the work. Stay connected! Click the image below to visit the PL Playlist.
Content Integration

Science for ALL Students

When exploring the professional learning playlist, be sure to check out the following videos focused on making science accessible for ALL students. The videos are all pre-recorded and include a resource PDF that can be used to access the links discussed in the video. The videos are accessible on the professional learning playlist or by using the following links:

- What is 3-D Science? An Introduction for Special Education Teachers.
- 3-D Science Supports for Struggling Learners
- Co-teaching in the 3-D Classroom

Upcoming professional learning is also included in the playlist. The Content Integration Specialists have teamed up to provide the following professional learning:


Oct 14th @9-11  Registration link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/r/3118998237379415567
Oct 23rd @1-3  Registration link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1483437307667321871

A more detailed description is available in the Fall Professional Learning Catalog available at the following link: Professional Learning Catalog Fall 2020.

Coursework With a Badge

For our Three-Dimensional Science course, visit the PL tab in your SLDS system. It is a self-paced, on-demand course to meet your schedule. With a pass rate of 80%, you will earn a badge that your administrator can view.

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