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How to Use This Guide:

This Curriculum and Instruction Supplement accompanies the Buy Back Services Guide and provides information on programs and instructional activities managed and/or offered through the Department of Teaching and Learning. Programs and instructional activities have been divided into two (2) distinct categories:

- Free Programs and Activities – Requires no form of payment to Atlanta Public Schools.
- Basic Programs and Activities – Carries minimal to moderate cost(s) for school/student participation.

All offerings include the following information: brief description, availability, provider specifics, program or activity access, conditions for participation, district contact(s), costs and payment information (if applicable).

Schools may select instructional programs or activities of interest and access service according to details listed for each program or activity.

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TEACHING AND LEARNING FREE PROGRAMS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

COMPETITIONS

Atlanta Public Schools Juried High School Art Exhibit

Description: This 2nd annual juried art exhibit provides an opportunity for APS high school students to display their artwork in a competitive environment.

Availability: Exhibit timeframe: March 10 through April 3

Provider Information: Sponsored by WonderRoot and hosted at the Notch8 Gallery.

Conditions for Participation: Deadline for entries will be in January/February. All student work must be submitted according to posted guidelines.

How will the school access the service? A call for entries will be posted on the APS Fine Art Website: <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=898> , and through social media.

District Contact: Betsy Eppes 404-802-2698 or emeppes@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

Georgia Academic Decathlon

Description: This event stimulates intellectual competition focused on an annual theme. Aligned to the US Academic Decathlon, students engage in ten (10) tests and two (2) competitions based on the annual theme. Curriculum is taught in the directed studies course.

Availability: Annually in January

Provider Information: Sponsored by PAGE (Professional Association of Georgia Educators).

Conditions for Participation: High school student teams only.

How will the school access the service? Program information will be sent to principals and will be communicated by the school-assigned Gifted and Talented program contact.

District Contact: Dr. Quail T. Arnold 404-802-7585 or qtarnold@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

Description: The Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is a state-wide activity that encourages students to read. Teams comprised of students from different schools compete to test their knowledge of select Georgia Book Award nominees in a quiz bowl-like format.

Availability: Annually in January

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools Media Services

Conditions for Participation: Open to students in grades 4-12.

How will the school access the service? Advance event information will be available on the Media Services webpage.

District Contact: Dr. Warren Goetzel 404-802-2760 or wgoetzel@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

Middle School Academic Bowl

Description: Middle School Academic Bowl is an academic competition of general knowledge covering the core content areas. It provides an opportunity for students to create good work/study habits, broaden individual horizons of factual information, develop poise and confidence in presentation skills, develops teamwork and good citizenship qualities, and instills an appreciation for the pursuit of knowledge. The competition is a tournament with teams of five to eight students answering questions.

Availability: November

Provider Information: PAGE (Professional Association of Georgia Educators)

Conditions for Participation: A regulation team with principal approval may participate. System middle schools and charter middle schools must compete in the local tournament for a spot in the regional competition.

How will the school access the service? Program information will be disseminated to each school from the Office of Gifted and Talented Education.

District Contact: Dr. Quail T. Arnold 404-802-7585 or qtarnold@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

National History Day

Description: National History Day is a competition designed for individual students to explore a historical topic that fits into the National History topic for the year.

Availability: Annually in March

Provider Information: Sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council and Mercer University.

Conditions for Participation: Schools must register students

How will the school access the service? All information is available online at: <http://www.georgiahumanities.org/curriculum-and-schools/national-history-day/getting-started-with-national-history-day>

District Contact: Janean Lewis, 6-12 Social Studies Coordinator

Cost: Free

Social Studies Fair

Description: Open to all 5th thru 12th grade students at the local school level. The top five (5) projects from each school are entered into the district Social Studies Fair.

Availability: District Fair – annually in January; local fairs are sponsored by schools.

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools

Conditions for Participation: Schools must provide judges for the District Fair.

How will the school access the service? Fair information will be available on the Office of Social Studies webpage. Social Studies Fair contacts may also contact district coordinators to be placed on distribution list.

District Contacts: Sheri McEachern, K-5 Social Studies Coordinator & Janean Lewis, 6-12 Social Studies Coordinator.

Cost: Free

Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition

Description: The Young Georgia Authors writing competition encourages students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in writing, provides a context to celebrate writing successes and recognize student achievement in the arts and academics. This prestigious competition is open to any grade K-12 student enrolled in Georgia public schools.

Availability: Annually in March

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools

Conditions for Participation: Schools must submit student contestant names to the district Literacy Department.

How will the school access the service? Information will be published in the online literacy department newsletter.

District Contact: Zackory Kirk, Zackory.Kirk@atlanta.k12.ga.us, 404-802-2687

Cost: Free

PROGRAMS

Cultural Experience Project

Description: The City of Atlanta and Atlanta Public Schools work together to provide an opportunity for every APS zoned student to experience the city's premier art and cultural venues. Trip dates, tickets and curricular materials are provided by APS.

Availability: Annually September through May

Provider Information: City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs/Anthony Knight, Project Supervisor 404-546-6792.

Conditions for Participation: Ticket availability is contingent upon grant funding. Schools must use district provided bus service for student transportation to/from the venue.

How will the school access the service? Send an interest email with the number of students and teachers per grade level and specific cultural experience opportunity to Dihanne Hayes, dihayes@atlanta.k12.ga.us for program details.

District Contact: Brooke Battersby or bdbattersby@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Event tickets are free and provided by the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs.

Elementary/Middle School Offerings

Children's Museum of Atlanta/**Pre-K**
Atlanta Botanical Garden/**Kindergarten**
Ballethnic Dance Company/**1st grade**
Atlanta Ballet/**2nd grade**
Chattahoochee Nature Center/**3rd grade**
Atlanta Symphony Orchestra/**4th grade**
High Museum of Art/**5th grade**
Alliance Theatre/**6th grade**
ArtsBridge-Cobb Energy Center/**7th grade**
Atlanta History Center/**8th grade**

High School Offerings

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library/Museum
Shakespeare Tavern
Center for Civil and Human Rights
ZuCot Gallery
True Colors Theatre Company
CDC Museum
Theatrical Outfit
Atlanta Opera
Museum of Design
College Football Hall of Fame
Historical Oakland Cemetery
Chick-fil-A Backstage Home Office Tour

Governor's Honors Program

Description: The Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students who will be rising juniors and seniors during the program. The program offers instruction that is significantly different from the typical high school classroom and that is designed to provide students with academic, cultural, and social enrichment necessary to become the next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders.

Availability: Annually in June and July

Provider Information: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement and Atlanta Public Schools

Conditions for Participation: School level nominees complete district level application and interview. District-level semi-finalists are invited to the state-level interview. How will the school access the service? Program information will be sent to principals and will be communicated by school-assigned Gifted and Talented program contact and/or school site GHP contact.

District Contact: Dr. Quail T. Arnold 404-802-7585 or qtarnold@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

Junior Achievement Biztown/Finance

Description: A middle school personal finance program with lessons aligned to the GPS personal finance standards. Students will have an opportunity to participate in a real world simulation experience.

Availability: Annually in October

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools partnership with Junior Achievement

Conditions for Participation: Open to students in grades 6 and 7 only. Participation requires integration of Junior Achievement curriculum to prepare students for the experience.

How will the school access the service? Once the school is signed up, the Junior Achievement Program Contact will contact the school with more information.

District Contact: Janean Lewis, 6-12 Social Studies Coordinator

Cost: Free

LAB Atlanta

Description: Lab Atlanta is an innovative semester-long, honors-level academic program for high school sophomores from greater Atlanta, sponsored by The Lovett School. The program is based at the Midtown campus of the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD Atlanta), and partners with the Public Design Workshop at Georgia Tech. It brings together a diverse group of 30 public and independent school students into an intimate learning community.

Availability: Opens January 2017

Provider Information: The Lovett School in partnership with Atlanta Public Schools

Conditions for Participation: Rising 10th grade honor students may apply.

How will the school access the service? Program information will be sent to principals and will be communicated by school-assigned Gifted and Talented program contact.

District Contact: Dr. Quail T. Arnold 404-802-7585 or qtarnold@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Tuition for Lab Atlanta is \$12,500. Financial aid is available for students with demonstrated need.

Law Day

Description: Program is open to high school students and provides a way to explore civil and human rights topics selected by the GA Bar Association.

Availability: April

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools' partnership with the Georgia Bar Association.

Conditions for Participation: Open to students in grades 10-12 only.

How will the school access the service? Via the Georgia Bar Association's website: www.gabar.org

District Contact: Janean Lewis (6-12 Social Studies Coordinator) 404-802-2709

Cost: Free

Odyssey of the Mind

Description: Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students in grades K-12 to solve problems in a team setting.

Availability: Schools interested in launching the program will determine the appropriate calendar of events.

Provider Information: Odyssey

Conditions for Participation: None

How will the school access the service? Program information will be sent to principals and will be communicated by the school-assigned Gifted and Talented program contact.

District Contact: Dr. Quail T. Arnold 404-802-7585 or qtarnold@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

Read Across America

Description: National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America is an annual reading and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss. The program provides NEA members, parents, caregivers and children the resources and activities the need to keep reading on a daily basis.

Availability: March

Provider Information: Not applicable

Conditions for Participation: None

How will the school access the service? Information will be published in the online literacy department newsletter

District Contact: Zackory Kirk, Zackory.Kirk@atlanta.k12.ga.us, 404-802-2687

Cost: Free

Schoolwide Enrichment Model

Description: The Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) is an application of gifted education pedagogy to a total school environment by three specific ways: developing talents in all children, providing a broad range of advanced-level enrichment experiences for all students, and providing advanced follow-up opportunities for young people based on their strengths and interests. The model focuses on enrichment for all students through high levels of engagement and the use of enjoyable and challenging learning experiences constructed around student interests, learning styles and preferred modes of expression.

Availability: Schools interested in launching the program will determine the appropriate calendar of events.

Provider Information: Not applicable

Conditions for Participation: Based on school decision to engage and implement the model.

How will the school access the service? Program information will be sent to interested principals and will be communicated by the school-assigned Gifted and Talented program contact.

District Contact: Dr. Quail T. Arnold 404-802-7585 or qtarnold@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

State Science STEM Day

Description: Schools have the option to participate by creating local STEM activities, such as door decorating contests, hands-on experiments and hosting STEM speakers.

Availability: Annually in May

Provider Information: Georgia Department of Education (DOE) and Atlanta Public Schools

Conditions for Participation: Schools may select from a list of suggested activities to implement or develop at the local site.

How will the school access the service? Information will be posted on the DOE and district websites.

District Contact: Melissa Davis, 404-802-2679 or mldavis@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

Youth Art Show

Description: Atlanta Public Schools hosts an annual district-wide art show in honor of National Youth Art Month. The show is held at the district's administration building (Center for Learning and Leadership) throughout the month of March.

Availability: Annually in March

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools

Conditions for Participation: Art teachers submit two pieces of artwork per school for the All City Art Show as part of Youth Art Month. Schools must deliver and pick up all student artwork.

How will the school access the service? Information will be posted on the Fine Arts website and via the program newsletter.

District Contact: Betsy Eppes 404-802-2698 or emeppes@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

SERVICES

Target 2021: Remediation & Academic Support

Description: A free service provided to students who may have been potentially impacted by the 2009 CRCT irregularities. Supports include an Individual Learning Plan, Student Support Coach, tutorial and access to a number of additional learning opportunities.

Availability: Annually in August through May

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools

Conditions for Participation: District identified students

How will the school access the service? Program information will be sent to principals and will be communicated by the school-assigned Student Support Coach and program contact.

District Contact: Dr. Alisha Hill 404-802-2702 or arhill@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

RESOURCES

Nasco Art Supply Discount

Description: Schools can take advantage of a 25% discount for arts and craft supplies. The offer includes free shipping as well.

Availability: Annually

Provider Information: Nasco Art Supply/ <https://www.enasco.com>

Conditions for Participation: N/A

How will the school access the service? Art supplies can be ordered directly from the website. Schools must use quote #26509 when creating a requisition or placing an online order.

District Contact: Betsy Eppes 404-802-2698 or emeppes@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Free

TEACHING AND LEARNING BASIC PROGRAMS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

COMPETITIONS

Competitive Debate

Description: School debate teams participate in tournaments against other schools throughout the state.

Availability: September - May

Provider Information: Sponsored by the Atlanta Urban Debate League (AUDL).

Conditions for Participation: School debate teams must attend AUDL Tournaments and the GA State Debate Center for students and coaches.

How will the school access the service? Information will be on program website.

District Contact: Janean Lewis, 6-12 Social Studies Coordinator

Cost: Registration fee plus the cost of materials.

Payment: Schools pay fees directly to the Atlanta Urban Debate League.

Debate Across the Curriculum

Description: Elementary debate program for students in grades 4-5. School teams compete in two of three competitions against other elementary schools.

Availability: November - May

Provider Information: Sponsored by the Atlanta Urban Debate League (AUDL).

Conditions for Participation: School debate teams must attend AUDL Tournaments and the GA State Debate Center for students and coaches.

How will the school access the service? Information will be on program website.

District Contact: TBD

Cost: Registration fee plus the cost of materials.

Payment: Schools pay fees directly to the Atlanta Urban Debate League.

Duke Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP)

Description: Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving academically gifted and talented youth. Duke TIP works with students, their families, and educators to identify, recognize, challenge, engage, and help students reach their highest potential. This program offers a range of contact opportunities including access to online enrichment activities, advance testing, local residential programs, and on-campus activities at Duke.

Availability: Admission varies by grade level; programming varies by type.

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools Gifted and Talented

Conditions for Participation: Students must apply. Acceptance is based on test scores.

How will the school access the service? Program information will be sent to gifted teachers and counselors by the school-assigned Gifted and Talented program contact.

District Contact: Dr. Quail T. Arnold 404-802-7585 or qtarnold@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Varies by assessment and program. Socioeconomic status based fee waivers are available.

Science Fair

Description: The Atlanta City District and Regional Science Fair and Awards Programs are held annually. Students selected to advance will have an opportunity to participate in the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair (GSEF), the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

Availability: January and February (District and Regional Fair)

Provider Information: Sponsored by Atlanta Public Schools, GSEF and ISEF

Conditions for Participation: Participation in the district fair is optional and open to all schools. Participation in the advanced competitions is by invitation only.

How will the school access the service? Registration is required for advanced competitions (beyond the district level competition).

District Contact: Melissa Davis, 404-802-2679 or mldavis@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Schools are responsible for student transportation costs to international competitions. Registration fees:

- GSEF - \$39 per student
- ISEF - \$247 per student

Payment: Schools pay registration fees directly to the sponsoring organization (GSEF, ISEF)

Spelling Bee

Description: Top winners of the annual Social Studies Fair have the opportunity to participate in a two-day tour of the Civil Rights Trail through Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, Alabama.

Availability: January and February

Provider Information: This is a non-contractual agreement between the Georgia Association of Educators and Atlanta Public Schools.

Conditions for Participation: Schools hold individual spelling bees and school winners advance to district competition.

How will the school access the service? Schools may sign up once district announcements and informational sessions are publicized.

District Contact: Zackory Kirk, Zackory.Kirk@atlanta.k12.ga.us, 404-802-2687

Cost: Schools must pay for the cost of trophies, refreshments, banners and any printed materials.

Payment: Fees are paid directly to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

PROGRAMS

Junior Beta Club

Description: Program provides service learning opportunities where students engage in academic achievement, character development, service and leadership activities.

Availability: Rolling date

Provider Information: Junior Beta Club

Conditions for Participation: Open to students in grades K-8.

How will the school access the service? Program information is accessible via the Gifted and Talented Office, or directly from the Junior Beta Club.

District Contact: Mona L. Haygood, 404-802-7531 or mhaygood@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Registration fee for club participation (state and national dues)

Large Group Performance Evaluation

Description: All band, orchestra and chorus students in grades K-12 participate in the Large Group Performance Evaluation sponsored by the Georgia Music Educators Association.

Availability: January thru March

Provider Information: Georgia Music Education Association (GMEA)

Conditions for Participation: School-based music teachers must have an active GMEA membership.

How will the school access the service? Registration can be found on the GMEA website: www.gmea.org

District Contact: Betsy Eppes 404-802 2698 or emeppes@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: GMEA membership dues

Payment: Membership fees are paid directly to the Georgia Music Educators Association

Xanadu – Summer Enrichment Program

Description: Xanadu is a summer enrichment program for gifted and high achievers in Atlanta Public Schools. This is a four (4) week program that also serves as a professional learning opportunity for gifted endorsement candidates.

Availability: Annually in June

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools

Conditions for Participation: Students must meet specific criteria in order to participate; student application must be approved.

How will the school access the service? Program information will be sent to principals and will be communicated by the school-assigned Gifted and Talented program contact.

District Contact: Dr. Quail T. Arnold 404-802-7585 or qtarnold@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: A \$300 student tuition must be paid by the parent.

Payment: Money orders or cashier's checks made payable to Atlanta Public Schools

TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Fitnessgram

Description: This program provides professional learning and online services to administer Fitnessgram with fidelity. All class rosters will be uploaded from Infinite Campus to the Fitnessgram website (Human Kinetics).

Availability: Ongoing training sessions throughout the academic year.

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools

Conditions for Participation: Schools will have to purchase their own Fitnessgram testing equipment.

How will the school access the service? The program will be accessible after Infinite Campus class rosters are uploaded to the Human Kinetics site.

District Contact: Daryl Rice, 404-802-2702 or drice@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Equipment - \$400; training: through is GaDOE.

Payment: Payable directly to Human Kinetics.

Professional Learning Communities in the Fine Arts

Description: Multiple professional learning opportunities are available throughout the year to work with colleagues in the arts.

Availability: July through June

Provider Information: Atlanta Public Schools

Conditions for Participation: Teachers must register for individual sessions.

How will the school access the service? Register for specific sessions via MyPLC.

District Contact: Betsy Eppes 404-802-2698 or emeppes@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Cost: Varies depending on the cost of workshops or contracted services.

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