

The RESA Reporter

Griffin RESA Newsletter

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Note from the Executive Director

Welcome back after the holiday break! At Griffin RESA, we strive to provide excellent customer service to the employees of our eight school systems (*Henry, Fayette, Newton, Griffin-Spalding, Thomaston-Upson, Pike, Butts and Lamar*). The role of educational services agencies (ESAs) continues to grow. Across the nation, ESAs provide essential services to America's students. Today there are close to 600 ESAs in 44 states. 87% of the nation's school districts and 85% of the nation's private schools receive services from ESAs. ESAs serve customer districts representing over 43 million students. ESAs spend over \$14.7 billion on educational services a year.

Our goal is to continue to offer support in the areas of School Improvement, Professional Learning, Leadership Development, Cooperative Purchasing, Repair Services, Regional Special Education Services, Innovative Initiatives, and many student services. The Griffin RESA website at www.griffinresa.net currently has over 400 professional and leadership development opportunities available for teachers, paraprofessionals and administrators. In addition, by clicking on the links entitled "Professional Learning, Endorsements, Leadership Development/APEL, Online Purchasing Services, Online Repair Services, Teacher Recruitment/TAPP, Student Services, and School Improvement/GLRS/Innovative Initiatives", you will have access to helpful information arranged in several categories. We also have an Educator Make-it & Take-it Center or you can call and we will do the work for you.

We still have a few remaining opportunities for endorsement scholarships. Over 533 have been awarded and we have 152 left. Of these, we have 70 scholarships available for the Dyslexia Endorsement, 25 for the Coaching Endorsement, & 25 for the MTSS Facilitator Endorsement. If you have an interest in any of these, please contact professionallearning@griffinresa.net or 770.229-3247.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you. If there is anything we can do to provide more effective service, please let us know.

Cordially,

Dr. Stephanie Gordy
Executive Director

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Best Practices in Teaching Virtual Conference

At this virtual conference, educators will explore best practices in ELA/Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies/History for grades K-12. Presenters, through prerecorded breakout sessions, will share practices that result in improved outcomes for students, as teachers and leaders continue to strive to provide multi-tiered support for their diverse learners. Participants can work at their own pace over a week to access all the breakout sessions and download materials.

Session Strands

- * ELA/Reading Strategies for Struggling Students
- * Math Interventions to Increase Student Success
- * Science Instruction that Engages Learners
- * Social Studies/History for K-12 Classrooms



\$35



Register at:
www.griffinresa.net



February. 1-9, 2023



Platform
Opens at
9:00 AM

professionallearning@griffinresa.net

770-229-3247



Model Schools

2023 Drive-In Conference

March 1, 2023

From 8:30am to 3:30pm

Cost is \$75

(includes continental breakfast & lunch)

Model Schools strive to provide a safe and trusting environment where a love for learning and community is fostered. These schools support adults and students in shifting the culture to one of high expectations for all.

At this face-to-face conference, educators will learn about the effecting positive change in their schools from presenters across our region.

Session Strands:

- Rigor, Relevance, and
- Relationships Innovative Learning Environments to Meet the Needs of
- All Students Data Driven Decision Making
- Social and Emotional Well-Being in Schools

Community and Connections

Lodging information can be found on the registration page located at www.griffinresa.net



GRIFFIN RESA SCHOOL CLIMATE UPDATE

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Are you a counselor, a school leader, teacher, social worker, or school support staff member who serves adolescents in middle and high school? Could you use training to respond to a student in crisis in the class or school setting proactively? If so, then join us Wednesday, March 29, 2023. This session is for initial certification in Youth Mental Health First Aid. This is a free training specifically for our regional school districts: Butts, Fayette, Griffin-Spalding, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, and Upson-Thomaston.


Youth Mental Health First Aid USA is a full-day public education program which introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches individuals how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge. Mental Health First Aid uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect young people to professional, peer, social, and self-help.

PARTICIPANTS LEARN:

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm
- Listen nonjudgmentally
- Give reassurance and information
- Encourage appropriate professional help
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies



Professional Learning Opportunity



Would you know how to respond to a student in crisis?

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Location:
Griffin RESA
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dates:
December 7, 2022
Or
March 29, 2023

FREE Training & Registration
www.griffinresa.net

Participants will earn:
YMHFA Certification
Sign up quickly!
30 seat maximum

This session is only available to participants in our member systems.



Sponsored by:
GaDOE School Climate

ABOUT THE COURSE

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SCHOOL CLIMATE TRAININGS

There are a variety of systems that help improve school climate and culture through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Collaborative work and coaching with your Griffin RESA School Climate Specialist and GaDOE School Program Specialist are available. Please contact your School Climate Specialist, Kendra Cook, at Griffin RESA for further information about the following at (770) 229-3247 ext. 228:

- Universal Classroom Supports Training
- Early Learning Classroom Training
- PBIS Tier 1 & 2 Training
- PBIS Tier 2 Coaching

In addition, we can share details about other training opportunities such as *Sources of Strength* (suicide prevention) and *Check and Connect* (dropout prevention) as we get closer to planning the 2023-2024 school year. Let us know how we can best support you to be of service to our educators and students in our region!

February 2023 Class List

Title	Date
Teacher Keys Effectiveness Systems (TKES) Training for Administrators	2/1
Best Practices in Teaching Virtual Conference	2/1 - 2/9
College Board Mid-Year Updates	2/1
MTSS/SST Facilitator Endorsement Course 1 - A Problem Solving Framework	2/1
Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) Training for New Administrators	2/2
MTSS 102: Serving Students in Tier 2	2/6
GA PSC Ethics for Paraprofessionals	2/7
LKES Training	2/9
Using Data Protocols to Make Statistically Significant Gains in the Classroom!	2/8
APEL Ed Leadership Certification Information Session	2/8
LKES Training	2/9
SLP Collaborative	2/10
Assistive Technology Consortia	2/10
Coaching Endorsement Course 1 - Skills for Effective Coaching	2/13 - 3/29
Special Education Leadership Academy	2/14
Success for All Students: The Role of the Paraprofessional	2/14
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for Kindergarten	2/14
Online Teaching Endorsement Course 1: Foundations of Online Learning and Teaching	2/14 - 4/18
Designing Rubrics	2/15
Restorative Practices & Peer Mediation	2/15
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for 6th Grade	2/15
Coaching Endorsement Course 1 - Skills for Effective Coaching	2/15 - 3/31
Maximizing and Managing Differentiated Instruction	2/16
Removing the "Limits" of Lexile's	2/17
Autism Intervention and Supports	2/28
Classroom Management for 6 - 12 Teachers	2/28
Co-Teaching in the Math Classroom	2/28
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for 1st Grade	2/28

Registration available at www.griffinresa.net



March 2023 Class List

Title	Date
Model Schools Drive-In Conference	3/1
Processing Deficits and Instructional Implications	3/2
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for 7th Grade	3/2
Literacy Tools Across Content and Grade Levels to Support Success	3/7
SDI Reading Series: Strategies for Fluency, Vocabulary & Comprehension	3/7
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for 2nd Grade	3/7
Student Engagement for the 21st Century PK-12, Paras, Leaders	3/8
Level Up Your Differentiation: Tackling Assessment and Grading	3/8
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for 8th Grade	3/8
What, Why, and How Do I Co-Teach?	3/8
Bringing Science Alive	3/9
MTSS 103: The Student Support Team	3/9
School Psychologists Job Alike	3/9
Classroom Management for PK-5th	3/14
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for 3rd Grade	3/14
Great Guided Reading: Making it Fabulous! (3-5)	3/15
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for Algebra: Concepts & Connections	3/15
Engaging Every Student: Strategies for Motivating Middle Grades Students	3/21
Enhancing Vocabulary Using Brain-Based Instruction	3/21
Understanding & Supporting the Dyslexic Learner (PK-12, Para-Educators, Leaders)	3/21
Fundamentals of Feedback	3/22
Leading by Example: Master Scheduling Through a Special Education Lens	3/22
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for Geometry: Concepts & Connections	3/22
Writing Conferences with Confidence	3/22
Resume Writing & Interview Tips for Educators (Leadership Positions)	3/22
Beyond Compliance: Meaningful Transition Planning	3/23
Disciplinary Literacy: Reading and Writing in Social Studies	3/23
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for 4th Grade	3/23
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for 5th Grade	3/28
Assistive Technology: Planning, Implementing and Monitoring	3/29
The Georgia Mathematics Content Standards for Advanced Algebra: Concepts & Connections	3/29
Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Training	3/29
Engaging K-5 Students in STEM/STEAM	3/30
GaDoe: School Wellness and Climate	3/30

Registration available at www.griffinresa.net



You're invited to meet 100+ principals from 8 school systems.



Regional Certified Educator Job Fair

Who Should Attend?

- Certified Educators
- Those eligible for teaching certification for the 2023-2024 school year

What to Expect:

- Information about South Metro Suburban Region & Schools
- Meet staff and representatives from eight (8) South Metro Suburban School Systems representing 135+ schools and over 100,000 students

What to bring with you:

- ✓ At least 15 copies of a one-page resume to provide System Human Resources and School Reps

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Location: Luella High School
603 Walker Drive
Locust Grove, GA 30248

Pre-registration is required – link below:
[REGISTER HERE](#)

For more information contact Griffin RESA at (770-229-3247) or visit www.griffinresa.net

**Representatives from the Griffin RESA TAPP (Teacher Alternative Preparation Program) will also be on hand to answer questions for eligible participants. To check eligibility requirements, please visit www.griffinresa.net and click on "TAPP" and then click on "GA TAPP Program Info."



For more information visit our
website at
www.griffinresa.net



Safer Internet Day

February 7, 2023

Safer Internet Day started in Europe in 2003 and is now celebrated in more than 300 countries.

"Safer Internet Day aims to not only create a safer internet but also a better internet, where everyone is empowered to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively."

saferinternetday.us



Griffin RESA provides, as a part of the system membership, repair services to member school systems in areas of computer equipment, AV equipment, and copier equipment. A team of service technicians routinely visit the member schools and process work requests for repairs, installation and troubleshooting. The technicians may repair the equipment on site, or take it to the RESA center for further repair if needed. Each school district has its own protocol for making repair requests. Systems pay only the cost of parts required for needed repairs/upgrades or the cost of new equipment purchased through the program.



[Instructions for using the Online Service Request system](#)

ANNUAL TRANSITION FAIR

March 16, 2023

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Regional Transition Consortium will host the annual Transition Fair. The Transition Fair provides an opportunity for students and families to hear from speakers and vendors about available resources, as students plan to transition to post-secondary and/or the work force.

*Please contact GLRS
Program Specialist
Dr. Sandi Jones at
sjones@griffinresa.net.*



**Griffin Region College and Career Academy
221 Spalding Dr.
Griffin, GA 30223**

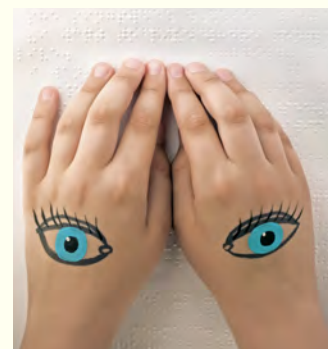
The first Braille Day was celebrated January 4, 2019

January is Braille Literacy Month

National World Braille Day is celebrated on January 4th, in honor of his legacy.



January is Braille Literacy Month, in honor of the birthday of Braille inventor, Louis Braille.



He was born January 4, 1809.

His gift has made a tremendous impact in the lives of people around the world who are blind or visually impaired.



On January 4th, Louis Braille is recognized for the numerous contributions he created, in helping blind and visually impaired people to read and write.



**Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI)
Orientation & Mobility Specialist (O&M)**

Griffin RESA offers services to the eight counties in our region (Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Pike, Newton, Spalding, and Upson Counties) for students with a visual impairment or

blindness. Services include instruction by a *Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI)*, and if needed, instruction from an *Orientation & Mobility Specialist (O&M)*.

Check & Connect Training

GLRS staff are trained and approved to offer *Check & Connect* training to regional schools. "Check and Connect is an evidence-based intervention used with K-12 students who show warning signs of disengagement with school and who are at risk of dropping out." It is the only program noted in *What Works Clearinghouse* to have strong evidence of positive effects on staying in school.

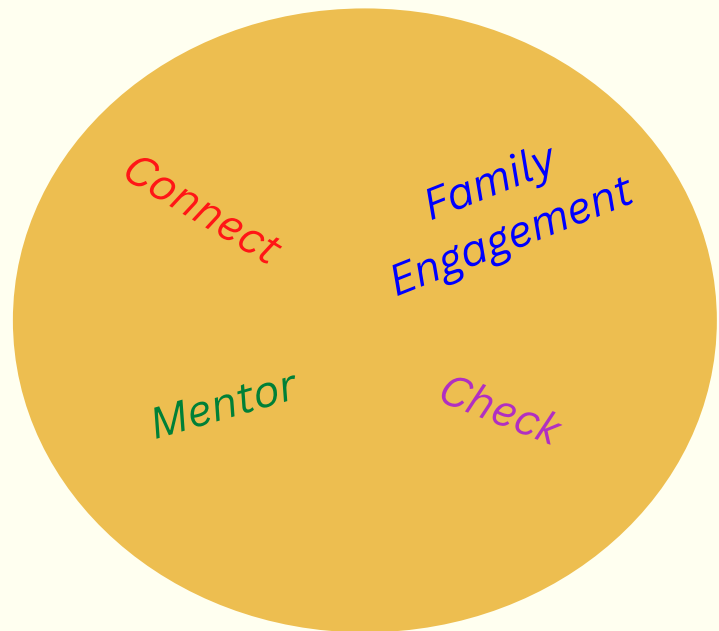
If you would like to know more about how to bring this to your school or district, please contact the GLRS Director, Chanda Harris at charris@griffinresa.net.



Decrease in:
Truancy
Behavioral Referrals
Dropout rates

Increase in:
School completion rates
Attendance

Core components



https://checkandconnect.umn.edu/docs/C_C_info_flyer_updated_7-21-22.pdf

