

Brad Bryant, State Superintendent of Schools

July 16, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Assessment Directors
Special Education Directors

FROM: Melissa Fincher, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: Fall 2010 Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) Training

In preparation for the 2010-2011 administration of the GAA, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will be conducting pre-administration training sessions. This year, due to budget constraints, all trainings will be conducted online, via webinar using the Elluminate online platform. The purpose of these sessions is to provide information and guidance to those responsible for overseeing the administration in their local school system.

Six sessions will be offered, five of which will be repeat sessions to allow for scheduling convenience. The sixth session is appropriate for individuals who are new to the GAA. Topics to be covered include review of program requirements, information on changes in the grade 11 GAA, ethics and portfolio validation, peer review, and guidance on how to redeliver training in local systems. The specific dates and time frames for the webinars are attached. All System Test Coordinators are required to attend one of the sessions.

The Elluminate website can be accessed through the link below; no password is needed. All Assessment Directors are required to attend one of the sessions.

<http://illuminate.gavirtualschool.org/testing/>

Thank you in advance for arranging to attend one of these important sessions. Should you have any questions regarding this training, please do not hesitate to contact Deborah Houston via email (dhouston@doe.k12.ga.us) or phone (404-657-0251).

cc: Brad Bryant, State Superintendent of Schools
Martha Reichrath, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent for Standards, Instruction, and Assessment
Nancy O'Hara, Associate Superintendent for Innovative Instruction
GNETS Directors
RESA Directors

Fall 2010 GAA Training Dates and Times

DATE	TIME
August 6	9:00am – 12:00pm
August 9	1:00pm – 4:00pm
August 12	9:00am – 12:00pm
August 16	1:00pm – 4:00pm
August 17	9:00am – 12:00pm
August 18 <i>Introduction to the GAA</i>	1:00pm – 4:00pm

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