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GCPS seeks input in review of AKS for 126 courses

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) invites parents, community members, and GCPS staff members to participate in the school district’s review of proposed curriculum for 126 courses, scheduled for **Sept. 27 to Oct. 15**. The public can participate via an [online review](#) of proposed Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) standards, offering feedback on new AKS that have been developed to align the curriculum with the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) and/or Georgia Performance Standards (GPS). The AKS spell out the essential concepts students are expected to know and skills they should acquire in a given grade, subject, or course.

On **November 7**, the GEMS Oversight Committee— a group of community and school system representatives charged with the annual review of the AKS curriculum— will review the suggestions and curriculum director comments before making recommendations to **CEO/Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks**. Mr. Wilbanks will then submit his final recommendations to the Board of Education for their consideration and adoption. This year’s review addresses the following courses:

CTE - 40 Total

Foundations of Business Administration
Foundations of Business Management
Foundations of Investing and Finance
Family and Consumer Science - Sixth Grade
Family and Consumer Science - Seventh Grade
Family and Consumer Science - Eighth Grade
Basic Skills of Marketing
Exploring Marketing Education
Pathways in Marketing
Healthcare Diagnostics and Support Services
Healthcare IT and Biotechnology
Therapeutic Services and Applied Anatomy
Automotive Technologies 1
Automotive Technologies 2
Automotive Technologies 3
Automotive Technologies 4
Automotive Technologies 5
Automotive Technologies 6
Introduction to International Business
Global Awareness and Cultural Competency
International Business Concepts
Automotive Service Technology Internship
Automotive Service Technology Internship II
Automotive Service Technology Internship III

Engineering and Technology – 6
Engineering and Technology – 7
Engineering and Technology – 8
Law and Public Safety 6
Law and Public Safety 7
Law and Public Safety 8
JROTC Army Leadership Education 6
JROTC Army Leadership Education 7
Emergency Medical Technician
Electrical I
Logistics Fundamentals
Logistics Operations
Materials Management
Essentials of Dental Science
Dental Science II
JROTC Army Leadership Education 5
JROTC Army Leadership Education 6
JROTC Army Leadership Education 7
Emergency Medical Technician
Electrical I
Logistics Fundamentals
Logistics Operations
Materials Management
Essentials of Dental Science
Dental Science II

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Foreign Language – 24 Total

DLI Advanced Language and Literacy 6th Grade
DLI Culture and History 6th Grade
DLI Culture and History 7th Grade
DLI Culture and History 8th Grade
DLI Media Literacy 6th Grade
DLI Media Literacy 7th Grade
DLI Media Literacy 8th Grade
Spanish for Native Speakers Level 1
Spanish for Native Speakers Level 2
Spanish for Native Speakers Level 3
Portuguese / Kindergarten

Portuguese / Grade 1
Portuguese / Grade 2
Portuguese / Grade 3
Portuguese / Grade 4
Portuguese / Grade 5
Portuguese / Grade 6
Portuguese / Grade 7
Portuguese / Grade 8
Portuguese I
Portuguese II
Portuguese III
Portuguese IV
Portuguese V

Health/PE – 45 Total

Advanced Aerobic Dance
Advanced Body Sculpting
Advanced Gymnastics, Stunts, and Tumbling
Advanced Lifetime Sports
Advanced Outdoor Education
Advanced Personal Fitness
Advanced Physical Conditioning
Advanced Recreational Games
Advanced Rhythmic and Dance
Advanced Team Sports
Advanced Track and Field
Advanced Weight Training
Body Sculpting
General Physical Education I
General Physical Education II
General Physical Education III
General Physical Education IV
Intermediate Aerobic Dance
Intermediate Gymnastics, Stunts, and Tumbling
Intermediate Lifetime Sports
Intermediate Outdoor Education
Intermediate Recreational Games

Intermediate Rhythmic and Dance
Intermediate Team Sports
Intermediate Track and Field
Introductory Rhythmic and Dance
Introductory Aerobic Dance
Introductory Gymnastics, Stunts, and Tumbling
Introductory Lifetime Sports
Introductory Outdoor Education
Introductory Recreational Games
Introductory Team Sports
Introductory Track and Field
Personal Fitness
Physical Conditioning
Physical Education 1
Physical Education 2
Physical Education 3
Physical Education 4
Physical Education 5
Physical Education 6
Physical Education 7
Physical Education 8
Physical Education K
Weight Training

Language Arts – 10 Total

Journalism I
Language Arts - K
Language Arts - 1
Language Arts - 2
Language Arts - 3

Language Arts - 4
Language Arts - 5
Language Arts - 6
Language Arts - 7
Language Arts – 8

Language Arts: Media – Total 1

Library Science I – IV

Mathematics- 4 Total

Geometry
Geometry Strategies
8th Grade Algebra
Applications of Linear Algebra in Computer Science

Science – 1 Total

Science – K

Social Studies – 1 Total

Social Studies – K

Feedback on this year’s AKS review may be submitted via the [AKS survey](#) which is posted on the GCPS website. Participants in the AKS review should note the following information in their narrative comments:

- Proposed AKS Information to include File Name (i.e., Proposed Introduction to Digital Media), Grade Level, AKS Number
- Comment about course in general or specific AKS
- Suggested change
- Rationale for suggested change

Comments will be accepted through Tuesday, **October 15**.

Please note that this review is of the actual curriculum and differs from the instructional materials review that is taking place through October 4.