



In Memoriam

Our GSD family grieves the tragic, sudden loss of Noah Tripp, a freshman who began his GSD journey as a cute 1st grader with blonde curls and big blue eyes that took in everything around him, soaking in ASL and learning about math and reading and the world in a new way. As some of you can relate, it wasn't easy for Noah's family to send him far away to GSD as a little boy, but they understood Noah could thrive here. Noah was famous for his stories about the adventures he had with his dad and other family members—hunting, fishing, bull riding, catfish noodling, and more. GSD is not the same without Noah and his smile. He is greatly missed and will always be remembered.



Career Fair

High School students attended a career fair in Dalton. The career fair was hosted by High School High Tech and supported by Georgia Vocational Rehab. The students visited many different booths that offered a look at a wide range of career and higher education options—cosmetology, law enforcement, linemen, fire and rescue, community and technical colleges, manufacturing, and more! The students loved holding the baby chicks at the Pilgrim's table and trying on the law enforcement protective gear. They learned there are a lot of jobs for people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing! It was a beneficial and fun event.



Photos: students holding chicks, wearing police gear, participating in a cast iron demonstration, and interacting with booth reps. Isis won a gift card in a drawing!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Isaiah McGee and Yovanni Morales-Romero! Both have been accepted to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in New York! We are SO PROUD of you and know you can achieve anything!

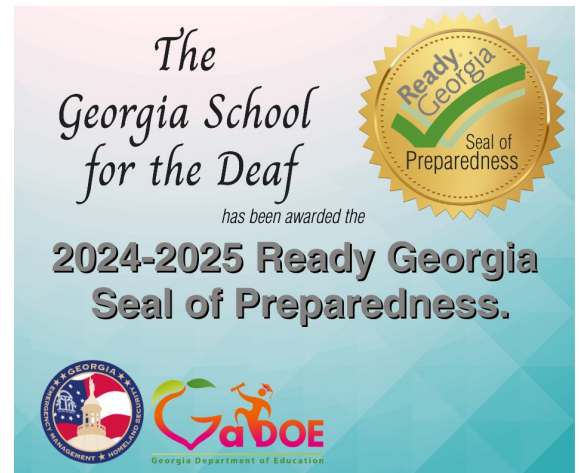


Ready Georgia Seal of Preparedness

GSD has been awarded the Ready Georgia Seal of Preparedness! Only 28% of the schools across the state that applied for the Seal of Preparedness were given this prestigious award.

Awarded by the Georgia Department of Education and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, the Ready Georgia Seal of Preparedness recognizes schools that have gone above and beyond in the area of school emergency preparedness. The seal indicates that a school has taken initiative to improve their emergency preparedness through extensive planning and risk mitigation efforts.

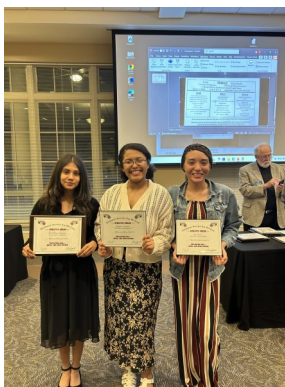
Many thanks to our school safety coordinators, Ron Fuss (GSD) and Elyse Ferrell (Division of State Schools), for taking on the challenge of meeting all the required actions and extensive documentation required in the application.



Northwest Georgia Tip-Off Club Awards

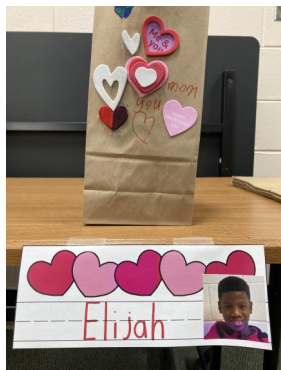
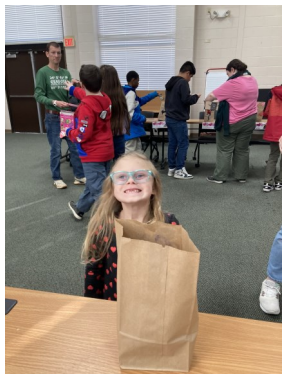
Upcoming Events

- 3/24-28 Jr/Sr trip to Washington DC
- 3/25 5th grade Fire Safety trip
- Thursday, 3/27 Homegoing
- 3/28-4/4 Spring Break
- 4/6 residential transportation
- 4/7 Classes resume
- 4/8 Government class trip to courthouse
- 4/10 Elem dorm bowling trip
- 4/15 National ASL Day!
- 4/21-25 Milestones EOG tests, 3rd-8th grades
- 4/30 Milestones EOC Algebra test
- 5/1 Milestones EOC Biology test



Congratulations to several GSD athletes who were recognized at the Northwest Georgia Tip-Off Club's Awards Banquet. We are proud of your hard work developing your skills!

Pictures: students at banquet table with coaches Julie Burton and Steven Herston; students holding their certificates: Itzel Reyes-Guzman, Aaliyah Newsome, Jordyn Sasser, Yovanni Morales-Romero, Marc Anthony Soto Perez, and Gary Whitted.



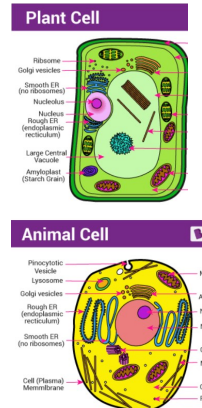
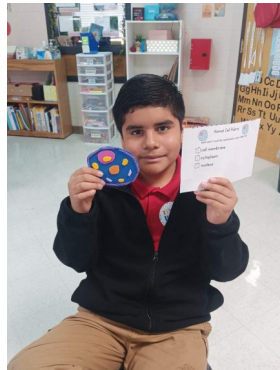
Valentine's Day

Elementary students had a great time giving and receiving Valentine's cards and eating snacks!

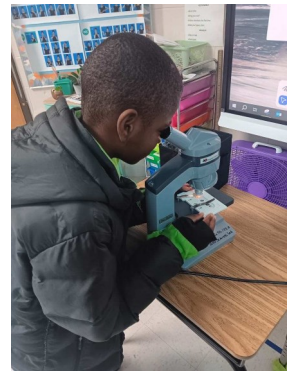
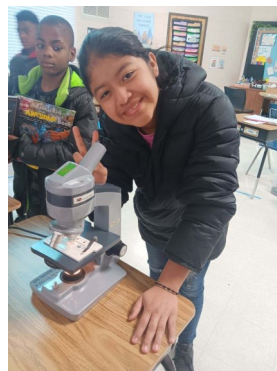
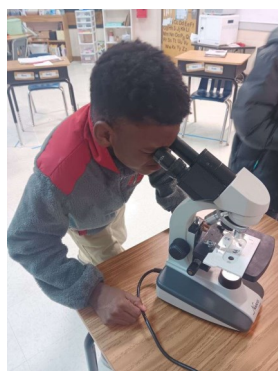


Science is Awesome!

Rebekah Knisley's 5th grade Science class studied cells by using microscopes and making models. They loved seeing cells up close with the microscope! In Middle School, Sydney Boucugnani's 6th grade students studied trace fossils (imprints from a living thing that is no longer there) and soil. In 7th grade, students used samples to examine bird beak adaptations.



Yuth, Mylo, Holly, and Zaiden show their cell models (round are animal cells, plant cells are rectangular).



Cameran, Zion, Rayna, Waylon, and Maki take turns viewing plant and animal cells in the microscope.



Allie Kate, Sinclair, and Guadalupe examine trace fossils.

Adrian works on his lab report about the soil he studied.



Layla, Zaida, Lexie, and Deziriah closely study and compare the bird beak samples.



About the NTID Regional STEM Center (NRSC) STEM Academy: Prepare for college with an immersive experience designed specifically for students who are deaf and hard of hearing, entering grades 10-12 in fall 2025 or graduating in spring 2025.



Acerca de la Academia STEM del Centro Regional STEM de NTID (NRSC): Prepárese para la universidad con una experiencia de inmersión diseñada específicamente para estudiantes sordos o con dificultades auditivas, que ingresen a los grados 10-12 en el otoño de 2025 o se gradúen en la primavera de 2025.



Decatur, AL: June 8-28, 2025 -OR- Jacksonville, FL: July 9-29, 2025



Decatur, AL: 8-28 de junio de 2025 -o- Jacksonville, FL: 9-29, de julio de 2025

College Readiness, Self-Advocacy, & STEM Adventure

An overnight experience for students from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

No cost to qualifying students!

NRSC covers expenses, including

- travel accommodations
- meals, &
- recreational activities.

All communication modes are accepted.

- Classes are co-taught in spoken English & ASL, with interpreters present for all activities.
- No prior knowledge of ASL required.

Completion Benefits:

- Chromebook
- Take home STEM Activity
- \$5,000 Scholarship to RIT/NTID

For more information, FAQs, or to apply, visit the website.
For questions, contact Cara Wilmot, wilmot.cara@aidb.org.

aidb.org/StemAcademy

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Regional STEM Center

AIDB | Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind
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Preparación para la universidad, autodefensa y aventura STEM

Una experiencia nocturna para estudiantes de Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Luisiana, Misisipi, Carolina del Norte, Oklahoma, Carolina del Sur, Tennessee y Texas.

¡Sin coste alguno para los estudiantes que cumplan los requisitos!

NRSC cubre los gastos de viaje, alojamiento, comidas y actividades recreativas.

Se aceptan todos los modos de comunicación.

- Las clases se imparten en inglés hablado y LSA, con la presencia de intérpretes en todas las actividades. No se requieren conocimientos previos de LSA.
- LSA-Lenguaje de Señas Americano

Beneficios de finalización:

- Chromebook Actividad STEM para llevar a casa
- \$5,000 Beca para RIT/NTID

Para obtener más información, consultar las preguntas más frecuentes o presentar una solicitud, visite el sitio web. Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con Cara Wilmot, wilmot.cara@aidb.org.

aidb.org/StemAcademy

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FUN & CREATIVE
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
FOR BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 8-14
DEAF/HH AND SIBLINGS



Dates
APRIL 25-27
2025

Cost
\$300

Financial
Scholarships
Available

Activities

- ✓ Climbing Wall
- ✓ Fishing
- ✓ Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Zip Line
- ✓ Sports

Located at YMCA Joe C. Davis YMCA
Outdoor Center
3088 Smith Springs Road
Antioch, TN 37013

To Register:

[CLICK HERE](#)

More Information marykathryn@converge.org christpres.org/campdove/

SPACE CAMP UNLIMITED
for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
middle and high school students

Logos for Space Camp, U.S. Space & Rocket Center, gm, and CSD LEARNS.

CSD Learns Space Camp: May 5-9, 2025.
Campers must be between the ages of 14-17 at the start of camp. The camp is free but parents must provide transportation. You must register by 31 March. Register online: <https://csdlearns.com/nasaform/>



AIDB Alabama School for the Deaf
Deaf. Blind. Limitless.



IGNITE YOUR SUMMER

LEARN AND CREATE!



Enrichment Track
A mix of recreation, enriching academics, American Sign Language, creative arts, horseback riding, and exciting field trips. Open to Alabama residents ages 6-16.



Robotics Track
Design and build your own robotic hand while exploring engineering, creativity, and teamwork. Open to rising 9th-12th grade students in the Southeast.

June 1 - 7, 2025

Ready to ignite your summer?
Choose your track and register today
SPOTS ARE LIMITED:
<https://forms.gle/Y5bFohFcwhWiuGUE6>



About Us
Join us at the Alabama School for the Deaf for a fun-filled week designed to inspire and educate students who are deaf or hard of hearing through exciting adventures and activities!

Contact Us
1-800-532-4622

Email Us
admissions@aidb.org

Our Location
205 South Street East
Talladega, AL 35160



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IGNITE YOUR SUMMER!

Choose your Track

#1 ENRICHMENT TRACK

Experience the ultimate enrichment camp for Alabama's deaf and hard-of-hearing students ages 6-16! This one-of-a-kind camp combines fun and learning with activities like recreational games, engaging academics, American Sign Language, creative arts, horseback riding, and thrilling field trips. Students will build new skills, foster friendships, and create lifelong memories in a supportive and inclusive environment tailored to their needs.



#2 ROBOTICS TRACK

Join Our Robotics Camp! Unleash your creativity and dive into the exciting world of robotics! This hands-on camp will guide you step-by-step to design, build, and program a robotic hand. Learn about engineering, mechanics, and problem-solving while having tons of fun!

Rising 9th - 12th grade students from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas

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TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

Summer Camp

Empowering Deaf Youth for a Bright Future!

Dates: June 22nd, 2025 - June 28th, 2025
Location: 232 Perry Farm Rd SW, Cave Spring, GA 30124

What We Offer:

- ✓ Leadership & Teamwork Activities
- ✓ Career Exploration & Life Skills
- ✓ Hands-on Workshops & Problem-Solving
- ✓ Confidence-Building Challenges
- ✓ Fun Outdoor & Social Activities

Who Can Join?
Ages 14 - 19 | Open to All Skill Levels
★ Give your child the tools to succeed in school, work, and life!
Questions? Email kduc@gcdhh.org

BUILD SKILLS. BUILD CONFIDENCE. BUILD SUCCESS!

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER GROW AT ROOSEVELT Warm Springs





Criteria

- Pre-Ets Permission form
- Current IEP or 504
- Enrollment in High School
- Must be 18-21 years of age
- Independent in all activities of daily living including self administration of meds
- Able to ambulate and navigate campus
- Able to self-monitor behavior and regulate emotions and responses

*****In order to attend Summer Grow 2025, a student has to be enrolled in a public school and have a 504 or IEP. Students that have graduated from high school and are no longer enrolled in a GA public school, will not be eligible.

Want to sign up a student? Send an email with application to the address below....

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RWS_Summer_GROW@gvs.ga.gov

Deadline to sign up is April 11th!

Date

- June 16th - 19th
- One week only

☎ 706-203-2281

2025 Annual Parent Involvement Survey for Georgia Families Raising a Student with a Disability

Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE)
Division for Exceptional Children
In Partnership With Parent to Parent of Georgia (P2P)

Please complete the online survey to make your voice heard.

Why are you being asked to complete a Statewide Survey?

In order for all students to graduate prepared to achieve a lifetime of success, families need to be an important part of the school team. It is critical that the GaDOE assist local school systems in partnering with families to raise the achievement rate for students with disabilities. Completing this survey will assist in achieving this goal.

What will be done with the information collected?

GaDOE Division of Exceptional Children will work collaboratively with Parent to Parent of Georgia (P2P), the statewide Parent Training Information Center, to identify needs in family involvement within the state and local districts based on statewide survey results.

How do you complete the survey?

You may complete the survey online in English and Spanish at <https://survey.gadoe.org/SPEDParentSurvey> or www.p2pga.org or www.parentmentors.org.

Who do you contact for help with completing the survey?

Parent to Parent of Georgia at 800-229-2038 / www.p2pga.org
Special Education Help Desk at 404-657-9968
You may also call your local school system's Parent Mentor.
To find out if your system has a Parent Mentor on staff, go to www.parentmentors.org

Who is being surveyed?

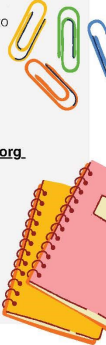
The GaDOE is surveying parents of students with disabilities throughout Georgia.

Who will see your answers?

Individual answers are kept confidential. The GaDOE has contracted with evaluators at the Georgia Center for Assessment (GCA) to guarantee confidentiality. Each response will be coded by a number – not a name.

Why do you want to know my child's ethnicity & disability?

Geographic area, ethnicity, and disability group data is collected to ensure the results are valid and reflect the overall demographics of the state. Be sure to indicate ethnicity as requested.



Special Education Survey for Parents

Hello families. We have one more survey for you! This is for families whose child has an IEP, so that is all of you! :) The survey will only take about 5 minutes and is available in English and Spanish. More information is in the flyer. Thank you in advance very much for your time!

Question 1, Child's School District: State Schools

Question 2, Child's School: Georgia School for Deaf

Link:

<https://survey.gadoe.org/SPEDParentSurvey>



Carina knows her numbers 1-20 and all of her colors!!
Way to go, Carina!

Mallory Edge challenged her students to exceed their AR goals by 200% and Blake, Natalie, and Tramaine did it! Mallory gave them mini bundt cakes as a reward. Great work!



Encuesta anual sobre participación de los padres para familias de Georgia 2025 Crianza de un estudiante con discapacidad

Departamento de Educación de Georgia (GaDOE)
División para Niños Excepcionales
en asociación con Parent to Parent of Georgia (P2P)

Llene la encuesta en línea para ser escuchado.

¿Por qué se le pide que llene una encuesta estatal?

Para que todos los estudiantes se gradúen preparados para lograr una vida de éxito, las familias necesitan ser una parte importante del equipo escolar. Es esencial que el GaDOE apoye a los sistemas escolares locales al asociarse con las familias para elevar la tasa de éxito de los estudiantes con discapacidades. Llenar esta encuesta ayudará a alcanzar este objetivo.

¿Qué se hará con la información que se obtenga?

La División para Niños Excepcionales trabajará conjuntamente con Parent to Parent of Georgia (P2P), el Centro de Información para Capacitación de Padres del estado, para identificar necesidades de participación familiar dentro del estado y distritos locales con base en los resultados estatales de la encuesta.

¿Cómo puede llenar la encuesta?

Puede llenar la encuesta en línea en inglés o en español en <https://survey.gadoe.org/SPEDParentSurvey> o en www.p2pga.org o en www.parentmentors.org

Si no tiene acceso para llenar la encuesta en línea, comuníquese con la escuela de su hijo(a) para obtener una copia impresa de la encuesta.

¿A quién puede solicitar ayuda para llenar la encuesta?

A Parent to Parent of Georgia al teléfono 800-229-2038 / www.p2pga.org. También puede llamar al Consejero para Padres de su sistema escolar local. Para averiguar si el personal de su sistema escolar tiene un Consejero para Padres, visite www.parentmentors.org

¿Para quién es la encuesta?

El GaDOE está encuestando a los padres de estudiantes con discapacidades en todo el Estado de Georgia.

¿Quién verá sus respuestas?

Las respuestas individuales se mantendrán confidenciales. Cada respuesta se codificará con un número, no con un nombre.

¿Por qué quieren conocer el origen étnico y la discapacidad de mi hijo(a)?

La información del área geográfica, origen étnico y grupo de discapacidad se recopila para asegurar que los resultados sean válidos y reflejen la demografía general del estado. Asegúrese de indicar el origen étnico como se solicita.



ASL Shirt and Games Order Form

Due March 24, 2025

Ready by April 11, 2025

Name _____

Phone _____

Bus Driver? Which bus _____

Item		How many										Price
Chinese Checkers	\$15											
Tic-Tac-Toe	\$10											
Which ASL Face?	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	2XL +\$2	3XL +\$4	Price	
The ASL Face A black shirt & purple ink												
The ASL Face B red shirt & white ink												
The ASL Face C light blue shirt & black ink												
LADIES A black shirt & purple ink												
LADIES B red shirt & white ink												
LADIES C light blue shirt & black ink												
Adults: \$12		Youth: \$10		Ladies: \$14		Grand Total						

Payment:

Please fill out this form along with any of the following payment options:

1. Cash
2. Check: write it out to GSD with "GSD Apparel" on the memo line.
3. Credit card: see Jennifer/call 706 939 1870 to pay using credit card.

Any questions?

Please contact any of the GSD Apparel students or email Mr. Loren Frick at LFrick@doe.k12.ga.us.

Thank you for supporting GSD PTDA!

Laser Engraved Games!

Tic-Tac-Toe

- Size: 4.5 " X 4.5"
- X and O are fingerspelled!
- Zippered pouch says "TIC TAC TOE" in fingerspelling



Chinese Checkers

- Size: 11.5" diameter
- Each corner is numbered 1-6 in fingerspelling
- Zippered pouch says "MARBLE" in fingerspelling



ASL FACE T-SHIRTS!

THREE different face expressions to choose from!



Youth: \$10

Adults: \$12

Ladies: \$14

2XL add \$2

3XL add \$4



PARENT Workshops

Join us to be refreshed, connected, and reminded that God's grace is enough for every step of this unique journey raising Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.

L Friday, April 25th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sunday, April 27th
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

L 3088 Smith Springs Rd,
Antioch, TN 37013
JOE C. DAVIS YMCA

In partnership with Camp Dove, Middle TN's overnight camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children is now accepting registrations for its April 25-27 session. If you'd like to send your child to camp, please scan the QR code to sign up!



Free
Registration
Required!



Free Workshop

PARENTING FROM REST: TRUSTING GOD'S DESIGN FOR OUR CALLING

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