

**#GaPSCDriveIn17**  
**@Ga\_PSC**

## Where Are The Students?

- Total number of students attending the public schools of Georgia - **1,756,553**
- Private Schools - 119,406 students
- Home School - 42,474 + students
- Virtual School - 21,695 - 3.2%
- Total Number of Schools - 2,267

# Georgia Ranked #33

- > Overall grade: C-
  - > Per pupil spending: \$9,152 (12th smallest)
  - > High school graduation rate: 70.0% (3rd lowest)
  - > Pct. of eligible children enrolled in preschool: 49.4% (12th highest)
- Georgia has one of the higher shares of children enrolled in preschool and kindergarten programs. Despite early preparedness, just 70% of Georgia's high schoolers graduate on time -- the third lowest rate in the country. Georgia school districts spend an average of \$9,152 per student annually, about \$2,500 less than the average U.S. school district spends per student. Georgia students also perform slightly worse on the math and reading sections of the NAEP than the average U.S. student. Household wealth can play a major role in academic achievement, and nearly half of all Georgia children are from families with income less than twice the national poverty level -- one of the higher shares in the country.

# Losers

**Alabama - 45**

**Overall grade: D+**

- > Per pupil spending: \$9,600 (15th smallest)**
- > High school graduation rate: 75.0% (8th lowest)**
- > Pct. of eligible children enrolled in preschool: 41.9% (14th lowest)**

Depending on the survey:

**Mississippi or Nevada - 50**

# Winners

New Jersey  
and  
Massachusetts

# edTPA



edTPA is a summative, **subject-specific** portfolio-based assessment designed to assess a teaching candidate's readiness to teach. edTPA is completed during a preparation program within a clinical field experience and its process is intended to be “educative” for both candidates and programs. Meaning, edTPA was designed as a system of assessment that engages candidates in a cycle of teaching through intentional planning, instruction and assessment centered on student learning.

# Ed TPA - Georgia

- The assessment to determine an educator's readiness to enter the Education Profession.

**Resources - EPPs control who has login to the resource library  
at [www.aacte.edtpa.com](http://www.aacte.edtpa.com)**

### **Guidelines for Acceptable Candidate Support**

Guidelines for Acceptable Candidate Support document is a resource for faculty, clinical supervisors and cooperating teachers working with candidates who are completing edTPA. The resource describes strategies for formative support and acceptable and unacceptable types of support while candidates are preparing their edTPA materials for official submission and scoring.

### **Educative Use of Candidate edTPA Materials**

The SCALE document "Educative Use of Candidate edTPA Materials" was developed in response to questions from edTPA users as a companion document to the "Guidelines for Acceptable Support" to address how candidates' edTPA materials can be used or examined for formative purposes and faculty and peer feedback."

### **edTPA Submission Attestations**

Candidates are prompted to review all candidate policies prior to registration. Then, candidates must acknowledge they have read the Rules of Assessment participation and all candidate attestations before finalizing their edTPA submission.

## Making Good Choices

[www.aacte.edtpa.com](http://www.aacte.edtpa.com)

*The specific choices that go into the planning, instruction, and assessment tasks that are part of students' edTPA should solely reflect the students' thinking, based upon knowledge of pedagogy and the schools' needs. All writing should be the student's own.*

**edTPA uses software to detect plagiarism.**

# Collaboration

- **Educators sign off - attesting the edTPA is their own work and is original**
- Educators often collaborate, and are encouraged to do so.
- It is not original work for the collaborating educators to submit a response with 85% of the commentary the same vocabulary and then substitute a few words to reflect their own class and/or situation.
- edTPA Submissions with a significant number of similarities will be subjected to additional screening.

# At Risk

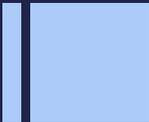


- Pre-Service Certificates
- Induction Certificates
- Career

*“I understand that by submitting my edTPA materials, I am confirming that I am the person who has completed the assessment, that I have primary responsibility for teaching the students/class during the learning segment profiled in this assessment, that the video clip(s) submitted show me teaching the students/class profiled, that the student work included in the documentation is that of my students and completed during the learning segment documented in this assessment, that I am the sole author of the commentaries and other written responses to prompts and other requests for information in this assessment, and that I have cited all materials in the assessment whose sources are from published text, the internet, or other educators.”*

# Educators Supply a host of excuses, but evidence is overwhelming.

- The percentage of similarity among the submissions submitted for scoring is very high. It cannot be ignored.
- The next few slides represent a sampling of the cases the PSC has sanctioned.



<b>Case Number:</b>	PCE 17-2-1056
<b>Investigator:</b>	Desiree Russel
<b>Position Held:</b>	Georgia Educator Candidate
<b>Employment Status:</b>	Unemployed
<b>Complaint Origin:</b>	Professional Standards Commission

**Complaint:** The educator submitted unoriginal work for official scoring as part of the edTPA certification assessment.

- The documentation provided by Pearson includes an Originality Report indicating that 86% of the work submitted by the educator for Task 2, Part B of the assessment matched work submitted by another educator (Teacher 1).
- A second Originality Report indicates that 86% of the work submitted by the educator for Task 3, Part C matched work submitted by Teacher 1.

## Students claim:

- “...different aspects of support...”
- professors and other instructors provide guidance on how to complete the edTPA
  - The university encouraged this collaboration
  - ...they vehemently disagree with the allegation

- The educator's submission contains one paragraph that is 100% identical to another Teacher's submission
- 74% of the work submitted by the educator of the assessment matched work submitted by \_\_\_\_\_
- educator's edTPA submission matched 100 percent of another teacher's submission

# Teachers

Total Number of Teachers working in public schools - 113,441

## Academic Preparation

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Bachelor:	38,653	34.1
Master:	49,322	43.5
Specialist:	22,309	19.7
Doctorate:	2,724	2.4
Other:	433	0.4

# Teacher Experience

Years	Number	Percentage
1 Year:	7,322	6.2
1-10 Years:	41,913	36.9
11-20 Years:	40,030	35.2
21-30 Years:	20,326	17.9
30+ Years:	4,114	3.6

# Who is the PSC?

- An 18 member Commission appointed by the Governor to a three year term
- Nine teachers (1 from private school)
- Two school board members
- Three business representatives
- Two administrators
- Two higher education - one from private college and one from a state college

## Who is the PSC? – New Commissioners

- Danielle Bruce - Middle School Teacher - Morgan County
- Beth Townsend - Elementary SWD Teacher - Cherokee County
- Katrina Young – BOE - Rockdale County
- Jacquelyn McDowell – Professor – Berry College
- Chris Erwin - Business Representative - Carroll Daniel Construction Company

# What is PSC

## Three Divisions

- Certification – Issues all certificates, permits & licenses
- Educator Preparation – Establishes criteria for schools of education
- Ethics – Establishes Code of Ethics, investigates allegations of violations

# Ethics Complaints

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- The PSC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month except August
- Anyone Georgia citizen can submit a complaint to the PSC. The complaint must be written and signed with contact information of the complainant.
- We receive about 100± complaints per month in addition to the applications submitted with “YES” answers to one or more of the Personal Affirmation questions.
- The Commissioners must make a decision on each complaint.

# OPEN CASES

- All PSC Ethics investigations are confidential until there is a final action by the PSC.
- A final action of No Probable Cause to investigate or issue a sanction results in the expungement of the entire file.
- The PSC will confirm an ethics investigation is in progress at whatever level.

# What happens with edTPA issues?

- Pearson software detects possible plagiarism, a three person panel conducts further review.
- If determination is the submission is not original, the PSC Assessment Director is notified
- Assessment Director and Ethics Director independently evaluate the data

# What happens with edTPA issues?

- Assessment Director prepares a complaint if appropriate
- Commission reviews complaint and determines whether an investigation is warranted
- Should the PSC determine a sanction is warranted, currently a REPRIMAND is the recommended sanction.

# Number of cases

- Thousands of Pre-Service educators have completed the edTPA 10/15 – 6/17
- The number of complaints submitted to the PSC represent less than one third of one percent of edTPA's submitted
- Very few Pre-Service educators have a problem successfully completing the edTPA; however, one case is one too many!

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and use the code 17 91 48

# Thank You!

