



TO: District-level GAD Coordinators and Coaches
FROM: **Michelle Crawford, GAD State Director**
DATE: **August 7, 2026**
SUBJECT: PAGE GAD Fall Workshop

The 2026-27 school year and the new season of the PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon are upon us. The PAGE GAD Fall Workshop is scheduled for Friday, **September 4, 2026, from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm** at Kennesaw State University's KSU Center (3333 Busbee Dr, NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144) – **this is NOT on the main campus.**

I hope that you are making plans to participate in this workshop planned especially for GAD Coaches, District-level Coordinators, and Decathletes to explore this year's topic *Journeys of Transformation: An Exploration of Travel and Transportation*. Please visit the GAD website (listed below) for all pertinent information (registration, directions, etc.). The **deadline** for registering for this workshop is **August 21, 2026**.

While coaches, district coordinators, bus drivers, and chaperones may attend free of charge, there is a charge of \$20 per decathlete – but we need to know in advance who's coming. Space cannot be guaranteed if you or your students are not pre-registered. Registration must be made by using the online form. You will need to enter each attendee's name. During checkout you will have the option to pay by check or credit card. If you need to enter a PO number, select the check option and then email Michelle your PO number. **Each school should complete their own registration. District coordinators should complete one form for themselves.** Email Michelle right away if you have ANY questions about the registration process.

We will have limited continental breakfast items available in the morning. Lunch will be provided by Chick-fil-A. If any of the attendees you are registering have special dietary requirements, there will be a space for you to let us know. (For example, I cannot eat dairy so I will have to order a grilled sandwich or nuggets for myself instead of the regular fried chicken sandwich.)

Posted on our website, www.pageinc.org/GAD (select "GAD Fall Workshop"), are links for 1) this memo, 2) a sample agenda for the GAD Fall Workshop, 3) directions, 4) Adult Release Form, and 6) Student Release Form (release forms **MUST** be returned for every attendee – students and adults). You may email completed release forms to me in advance (recommended) or bring them with you when you check-in that morning.

Also on our website (select "GAD Forms") you can find links for District registration for the 2026-27 GAD season, and a link to order GAD Graduation Honor Cords from the online store. Curriculum materials should be ordered directly from USAD.org.

Remember, the Fall Workshop registration deadline date is August 21. Complete your online registration and email release forms to Michelle Crawford at gad@pageinc.org as soon as possible.

Please note: there have been a number of updates since the curriculum was released in May. If you re-download the materials, you will have ALL changes that have been made.

We look forward to seeing you at the KSU Center on September 4!