



Georgia Teachers of the Year Association

The Georgia Teachers of the Year Association will sponsor the following activities at the conference on May 19, 2018.

“Promising Practices”

Each System Teacher of the Year will share one successful practice used in his or her classroom. This opportunity to learn from others at your grade level (elementary, middle, or high school) has always been a highlight of the conference!

Please complete the attached form and email to Marc Pedersen, GTOY President, by **May 14, 2018**. You may mail **before** or **after** the conference. His address is MPedersen@paulding.k12.ga.us, and he will make certain that all practices are available for future use by honored teachers.

Please be aware that:

- AV will not be available for your presentation.
- You will verbally share your practice during a 6 to 10 minute presentation. Just relax and share with your peers!
- You may bring hand-outs if you like. Probably 30 copies will be adequate.

Gale Samuels Award

These financial awards (up to \$750 each) are given in honor of Georgia Teachers of the Year Association’s first Georgia Department of Education Liaison, who died of leukemia in 1998. During the May 19th conference, participants will learn about our most recent grant winners.

Applications for the 2018-2019 awards will be distributed at that time.

Judy B. Floyd Space Camp Award

Funds will be provided by the GTOY Association for one System Teacher of the Year to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. This award is in memory of Judy B. Floyd, another outstanding GDOE Liaison. During the upcoming conference, you will learn about our most current recipient.

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E-mail to MPedersen@paulding.k12.ga.us **no later than** May 14, 2018.

Name: Kristen Ziegler

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“Promising Practices Classroom Activity”

Title of Activity: Compacting: Pretest for Volunteers and Extension Menus

Recommended to use with this number of students: any

Content Area: any Grade Level(s): any

Match to Georgia Standard(s): any

Note: Use the remainder of this page and up to one additional page for describing the activity.

This activity comes from Susan Winebrenner's book, "Teaching Gifted Kids in Today's Classroom." At the start of a unit, give students a few moments to look over the pretest for upcoming content. Then, invite volunteers to take a pretest to show mastery of unit concepts. Students who score 90% or higher will experience compacting and have access to alternate activities.

Students who show mastery will have access to an extension menu of activities that are connected to the unit of study. The extension menu will list 8 activities. The center space of the extension menu is a free space for student choice. Students complete the activities in any order while other students are working on grade level work.

Examples of extension menu activities for math include: Versa-Tiles, creating story problems, and number or logic puzzles. Examples of extension menu activities for ELA include creating and performing a puppet show of the story, writing a different ending, and reading other books by the same author to compare and contrast.