



G-CASE

Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education

2026-2027 Special Education Administrator Development Academy (ADA)

Date	Activity	Location	Topics	Standard(s)
June 3, 2026	9:00-4:00 Dr. Zabrina Cannady <i>Director of Professional Learning, National CASE</i> Sarah Burbach, <i>Executive Director, Georgia-CASE</i> Dr. Kristi-Lee Arrington (Morning Session) <i>Director of Student Services, Houston County School District</i> Dr. Luann Purcell (Afternoon Session) <i>Strategic Analyst and Consultant Unit Resource Advisor, Council for Exceptional Children</i> 6:00 P.M. ADA Welcome Social (not mandatory, but expected)	Lindsey Student Support Center, Warner Robins, GA To Be Determined	Introductory Activities Overview of the Academy Expectations Welcome to Your Professional State and National Organizations: G-CASE, Georgia CEC, CEC, CASE, and GAEL Accountability Systems Communication Shared Decision-Making Leading by Convening Advocacy for Special Education Evaluation of Program Effectiveness	Standard 1: <i>Vision, Mission, and Direction Setting</i> Standard 6: <i>Collaboration and Communication with Stakeholders in Special Education</i> Standard 5: <i>Human and Resource Management of Special Education Programs and Services</i> Standard 7: <i>Equity and Cultural Responsiveness in Special Education Programs and Services</i> Standard 3: <i>Organizational Leadership and Management for Special Education</i>

June 4, 2026	9:00-4:00 <i>Dr. Tris Gilland</i> <i>Chief of Student Services</i> <i>Marietta City Schools</i>	Lindsey Student Support Center, Warner Robins, GA	The Perfect IEP/IEP Meetings	Standard 6: <i>Collaboration and Communication with Stakeholders in Special Education</i>
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September 17, 2026	9:00-4:00 <i>Dr. Steven Horniak</i> (Morning Session) <i>Director of District & School Effectiveness</i> <i>Houton County School District</i> <i>Valerie Suessmith</i> (Afternoon Session) <i>Executive Director of Employment,</i> <i>Henry County Schools</i> (Retired)	Lindsey Student Support Center, Warner Robins, GA	Accountability Systems Data-Based Decision-Making Personnel Evaluations Certification Hiring and Retention	Standard 3: <i>Organizational Leadership and Management for Special Education</i> Standard 5: <i>Human and Resource Management of Special Education Programs and Services</i>
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November 18, 2026 to November 20, 2026 (ends at 12:00 Noon)	G-CASE Fall Conference ADA Pre-Conference Session: November 18, 2026 9:00-12:00 Noon Conference Begins at 1:00 <i>Dr. Jenny Millward</i> American Association of AdaptED Sports Programs (AAASP) Executive Director; Director of Special Education (Retired), Houston County	The Hyatt Riverfront Savannah	Continuation of Services State and National Overview General Supervision	Standard 2: <i>Policy Implementation, Legal and Ethical Practice of Special Education Programs and Services</i> Standard 3: <i>Organizational Leadership and Management for Special Education</i>
January 14, 2027	9:00-4:00 <i>John O'Connor</i> National Presenter/Author/ Special Education Consultant Georgia Dyslexia Collaborative Co-Chair	Lindsey Student Support Center Warner Robins, GA	Specialized Instruction Access to General Education Curriculum High-Quality Professional Learning Developing the Master Schedule Effective Co-Teaching Increasing LRE How to be a Change Agent Impact of Tier 1 Instruction Before Referring to Sp Ed	Standard 4: <i>Program Oversight, Improvement, and Instructional Leadership for Special Education</i>

March 1, 2027 - March 3, 2027 <i>(ends at 12:00 Noon)</i> ADA Day March 2, 2027	G-CASE Spring Legal Conference ADA Pre-Conference Session: March 1, 2027 9:00-12:00 Noon Conference Begins at 1:00 ADA Showcase: March 2, 2027 ADA Graduation March 2, 2027	The Classic Center Athens	FTE Budget Culminating Projects	Standard 3: <i>Organizational Leadership and Management for Special Education</i> Standard 6: <i>Collaboration and Communication with Stakeholders in Special Education</i>
TENTATIVE; IN PLANNING STAGES Not required, just extra!				
June 4-5, 2027 <i>(Tentative/Not part of ADA Program)</i>	Georgia CEC Conference	University of West Georgia	ADA Showcase at GaCEC Conference	<i>Opportunity to attend this conference and share ADA cumulative projects through another Showcase.</i>

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The **curriculum** for the Special Education Administrator Development Academy (ADA) is based on the *Administrator of Special Education Advanced Leadership Standards* set forth by the National Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE).

ADA Cumulative Projects (Google Form) **due** February 14, 2027; **Showcased** March 2, 2027

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