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## **Gwinnett's Jahner honored by national foreign language group**

The service that a veteran Gwinnett educator has provided to **Gwinnett County Public Schools'** (GCPS) foreign language program for more than a decade, has earned Director of Foreign Language **David Jahner** the nation's highest honor in that subject area. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) selected Mr. Jahner as the recipient of the Florence Steiner Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education, K-12. The award will be officially presented to Mr. Jahner at the 2011 ACTFL Annual Convention Awards Ceremony scheduled for this Friday, Nov. 18, 2011. This year's gathering of foreign language educators takes place in Denver from Nov. 18-20.

A former Georgia German Teacher of the Year, Mr. Jahner joined GCPS in 1992 as a German teacher at Brookwood High, serving as its foreign language department chair (1997-1999). He was named the school district's director of foreign language in 1999. He holds a master's degree in Second Languages and Cultures Education from the University of Minnesota and is certified in Educational Leadership from UGA.

Mr. Jahner is known across the nation as a leader in foreign language education, participating in several state and national organizations dedicated to the profession. The leadership that he has provided to the district has earned him several accolades including the National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Language (NADSFL) Pearson Supervisor of the Year Award, which he received in 2009.

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