



GEORGIA

The state of Georgia has legislation in place that mandates assessing and reporting student fitness data. The state adopted FitnessGram® to measure students' fitness levels. Data collection occurs annually in grades 1-12. The state also requires that student fitness data be shared with various stakeholders. Visit Georgia's Department of Education [website](#) to acquire more information on the physical education accountability system.

(1) THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

It took 6-12 months to develop the accountability system. The state physical education content standards, expertise of the committee members, and feasibility related to assessment administration training informed the selection of the assessment in the accountability system. Once the state developed the system, emails were used to disseminate the information to target audiences. The state education agency also delivered workshops at a state conference and outside of a state conference. Approximately, \$1,000,000 were used for initial and ongoing costs. The cost was attributed to staff time, meeting/travel costs for committee, pilot testing, technology, training, honorarium for committee members, validity and reliability testing, supplies/equipment, and branding. The state education agency and state health agency provided funding.

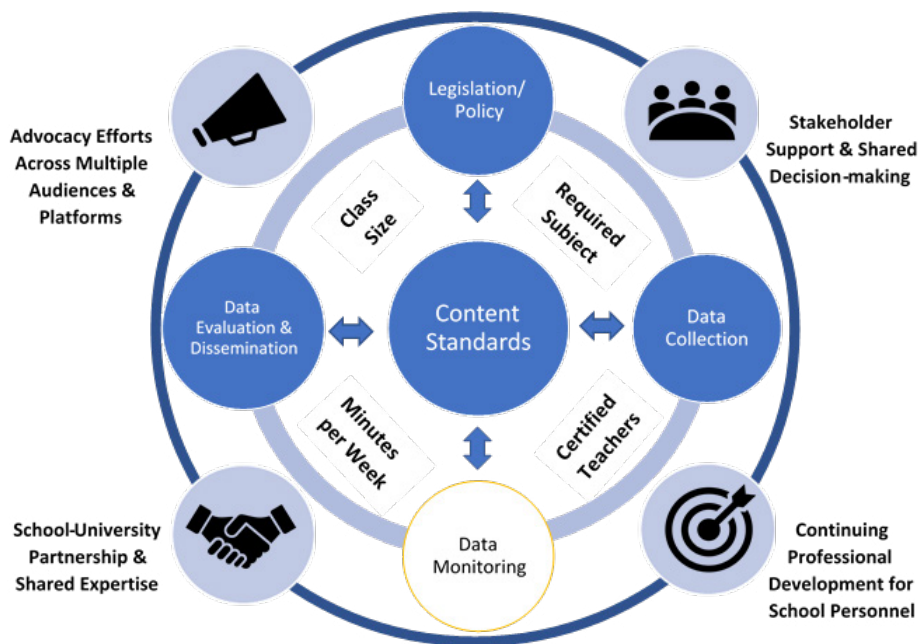
(2) THE SLAC-PE FRAMEWORK

(A) CONTENT STANDARDS

Georgia has content standards (last updated in 2018) that align with each of the SHAPE America National Standards.

(B) CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF ROBUST ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS

- **Legislation/policy:** There is legislation (Title 20-2-777) for the accountability system. The legislation mandates assessing and reporting student fitness levels.
- **Data Collection:** The state requires each local school system to conduct an annual fitness assessment using FitnessGram® once a year for students in grades one through 12; for the grades 1-3, only the body composition data is required, and for the grades 4-12, the full battery is mandatory to be measured. Each school submits the data through an online system, and the pre-existing program is used to store the data at the state level. The implementation and maintenance of the accountability system costs more than \$10,000 each year. The funding is provided by state education agency and state health agency.
- **Data Monitoring:** There is no data monitoring system in place.
- **Data Dissemination/Evaluation:**
 - *The state level:* The state is required to share the data with the state superintendent, district physical education coordinators, school principals, the public, and the governor's office.
 - *The district/county level:* The data is required to share with physical education teachers and with the public.



(3) OTHER FACTORS

- **Factors that helped in developing:** Having legislation helped in developing the accountability system. Also, the partnership with the state SHAPE America was the key to develop the system.
- **Challenges in developing:** Securing funds, people buying in, and local control issues were the challenges in developing the system.
- **Factors that helped in implementing:** Partnership helped implementing the system.
- **Challenges in implementing:** Securing funds and time were the challenges in implementing the system.