

HOPE GPA Calculation and Eligibility for Scholarship – 2009 Update

	HS Graduates Eligible Prior to 2007	HS Graduates beginning College after May 1, 2007 ¹	Students beginning HS 2008-2009 ² and Beyond
High School Reports to GSFC	Student GPAs Only	A Complete Transcript with Course History	A Complete Transcript with Course History
HOPE Grade Eligibility Determined by	Local High School	Georgia Student Finance Commission	Georgia Student Finance Commission
Nominal Standard for Eligibility College Preparatory Career Preparatory One Diploma Type	3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 80 on a numerical scale 3.2 on a 4.0 scale or 85 on a numerical scale	3.0 on a true 4.0 scale – no numerical standard 3.2 on a true 4.0 scale – no numerical standard	3.0 on a true 4.0 scale – no numerical standard
Academic Credits Counted English Mathematics Science Social Studies Foreign Language	4 Highest Graded Credits 4 Highest Graded Credits 3 Highest Graded Credits 3 Highest Graded Credits 2 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted All Credits Attempted All Credits Attempted All Credits Attempted All Credits Attempted ³	All Credits Attempted All Credits Attempted All Credits Attempted All Credits Attempted All Credits Attempted ⁴
Courses Weighted in GPA Calculation	Any may be weighted (Local Discretion)	AP and International Baccalaureate coursework only	AP and International Baccalaureate coursework only
Weighting Done by	Local High School or School System	Georgia Student Finance Commission	Georgia Student Finance Commission
Value of Weights	Locally Determined	Uniform across the State	Uniform across the State

The statute governing this process, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-157 (2009), may be viewed at http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb313.htm.

¹ Applies to all Georgia high school graduates who begin their College careers on or after May 1, 2007, regardless of previous eligibility determination. Those enrolled and attending an eligible college prior to May 1, 2007 are subject to the previous eligibility standard.

² Applies to all Georgia high school graduates who begin their High School careers during or after the 2008-2009 school year.

³ College Preparatory diploma only.

⁴ Foreign Language credits are not required for graduation with the one diploma type, but will be used in the calculation for HOPE scholarship eligibility.