



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



School of the Month

Are you using GAcademy411 in a unique way at your school? If so, we want to hear about it. We will be featuring a school on the GAcademy411 home page each month. For your school to be featured, we want to know how you are using GAcademy411. If you'd like to nominate your school, please visit the following link:

[School of the Month](#)

We will be combining all the information about how you are using the site to share with other counselors and educators across the state as some of the best practices for using GAcademy411.

We're on Facebook and Twitter

GAcademy411 is now on Facebook and Twitter. You can become a fan and follow our postings. We'll be highlighting different events taking place during the month as well as offering college planning tips.



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Help Us Select a Name!

In our last issue, we asked for help in selecting a name for the newsletter. Thank you to all of you who sent in suggestions. We're asking that you please choose your favorite at the link below. We look forward to announcing our official name in the November edition of the newsletter.

[Newsletter Name Survey](#)

HOPE Progress Reports

Did you know that students can see their progress towards HOPE as soon as they have complete the first term of their 9th grade year?

Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) offers a service called a **HOPE Progress Report** that conducts the HOPE GPA calculation on 9-11th grade students. The primary purpose is to provide a progress report toward HOPE eligibility so course and study plans can be made by parents, counselors and students

We released this opportunity to all public and private high schools in November 2007. The service is entirely optional but strongly encouraged. The GPA Calculation is the same as senior HOPE candidates but uses the course grades earned to date. We hope this process will eliminate the "Senior Surprise" for graduating seniors and their parents.

2009 HOPE Progress Results

Out of 692 schools and an estimated 380,000 underclass students:

High Schools Uploaded 224 (32.4%)

Private Schools..... 39

Public Schools..... 185

Students Uploaded & Calculated..... 142,680 (37.5%)

Breakdown of students by class

Freshmen..... 42,181

Sophomores..... 53,078

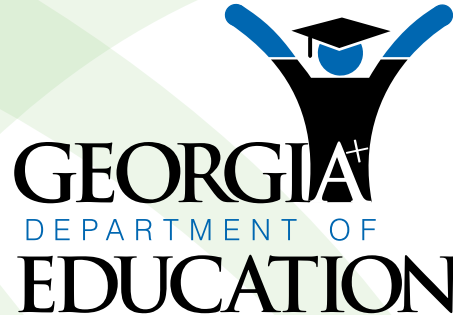
Juniors..... 47,421

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Issue # Two



Department of Education Corner

Back by popular demand for a fifth year

The Official SAT Online Prep Course....

available to all counselors and students, grades 9-12.

Counselors, be sure you create your educator account in SAT Online so you can generate and print SAT Online access codes for your students from the convenience of your desk...

Did you know that Georgia students who worked in SAT Online averaged 48 points higher on the SAT than Georgia students who did not work in SAT Online? (Class of 2008, College Board data)

If you need any assistance or support with SAT Online, contact:

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GAcollege411 Statistics

From July 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009:

Accounts Created: 106,558 New accounts created;
Average of 1,158 accounts per day

Admissions Applications: 30,114 Admissions applications submitted to colleges; Average of 327 per day

Site Visits: 990,324 Site visits lasting more than 10 minutes; Average of 10,764 per day

Unique Training Sessions Conducted (Webinars and Classroom Sessions): 16

Total Number of Training Sessions Conducted (Webinars and Classroom Sessions): 35

Total Number of Attendees at Training Sessions:
Over 1200 attendees

