



**Transcript Exchange and the 2007
HOPE Scholarship Grade Point
Average Calculation**

Helping Students Plan, Apply, and Pay for College

Session Overview



Topics in Today's Session:

- Background – why and how is HOPE changing in 2007?
- Timeline – what has already been done?
- Main steps in the Transcript Exchange process
- School profile screens
- Transcript Exchange implementation plan
- What is the extract software and how is it used?
- Question and Answer session

Why the HOPE GPA Calculation Method Was Changed



- Single Digit Revenue Growth – Double Digit Program Growth
- Joint Study Commission – 2003
- HB 1325 – 2004
- HOPE Changes: Fee Cap; Hour Cap; Spring Checkpoint; Triggers; New GPA Calculation Method

Statutory Change: §20-2-157

O.C.G.A. – What it Requires



- New Uniform Reporting System for HOPE – Effective May 1, 2007
- Public and Private High Schools Must Submit Electronic Transcripts and Other Information as Determined by GSFC
- GSFC Will Use this Data to Determine Student Eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship
- GPA Will Include all Attempted Coursework in “Core Academic Areas” of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language

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O.C.G.A. – What it Requires



- Reported Grades are Un-weighted – and, for Purposes of the HOPE GPA, only Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Courses will be Weighted
- A 4.0 Scale will be Used for the Grade Point Average Calculation – This Means that No Grade May be Greater than 4.0
- Numeric Grades will no Longer be Used to Determine HOPE Eligibility
- Scholarship Standards will be 3.0 for College Preparatory Students and 3.2 for Other Tracks – No Change in This

How the New Method Differs from the Old Method



HOPE GPA Calculation and Eligibility for Scholarship -- Current Method Versus 2007 Method

	Current Method	2007 Method*
High School Reports to GSFC	Student GPAs Only	A Complete Transcript with Course History
HOPE Grade Eligibility Determined By	Local High School	Georgia Student Finance Commission
Nominal Standard for Eligibility		
College Preparatory	3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 80 on a numerical scale	3.0 on a true 4.0 scale -- no numerical standard
Other Diploma Types	3.2 on a 4.0 scale or 85 on a numerical scale	3.2 on a true 4.0 scale -- no numerical standard
Academic Credits Counted in Calculation		
English	4 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted
Mathematics	4 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted
Science	3 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted
Social Studies	3 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted
Foreign Language (College Prep Only)	2 Highest Graded Credits	All Credits Attempted
Courses Weighted in GPA Calculation	Any May be Weighted (Local Discretion)	Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Only
Weighting Done By	Local High School or School System	Georgia Student Finance Commission
Value of Weights	Locally Determined	Uniform Across the State

*Applies to all Georgia High School Graduates who Begin Their College Careers on or After May 1, 2007, Regardless of Previous Eligibility Determinations
Those Enrolled and Attending a College Prior to May 1, 2007 are Subject to the Current High School Eligibility Standard

The Statute Governing this Process, §20-2-157 O.C.G.A., May be Viewed at: http://www.legis.state.ga.us/cgi-bin/gl_codes_detail.pl?code=20-2-157

Our Problem: What the New Method Requires of GSFC



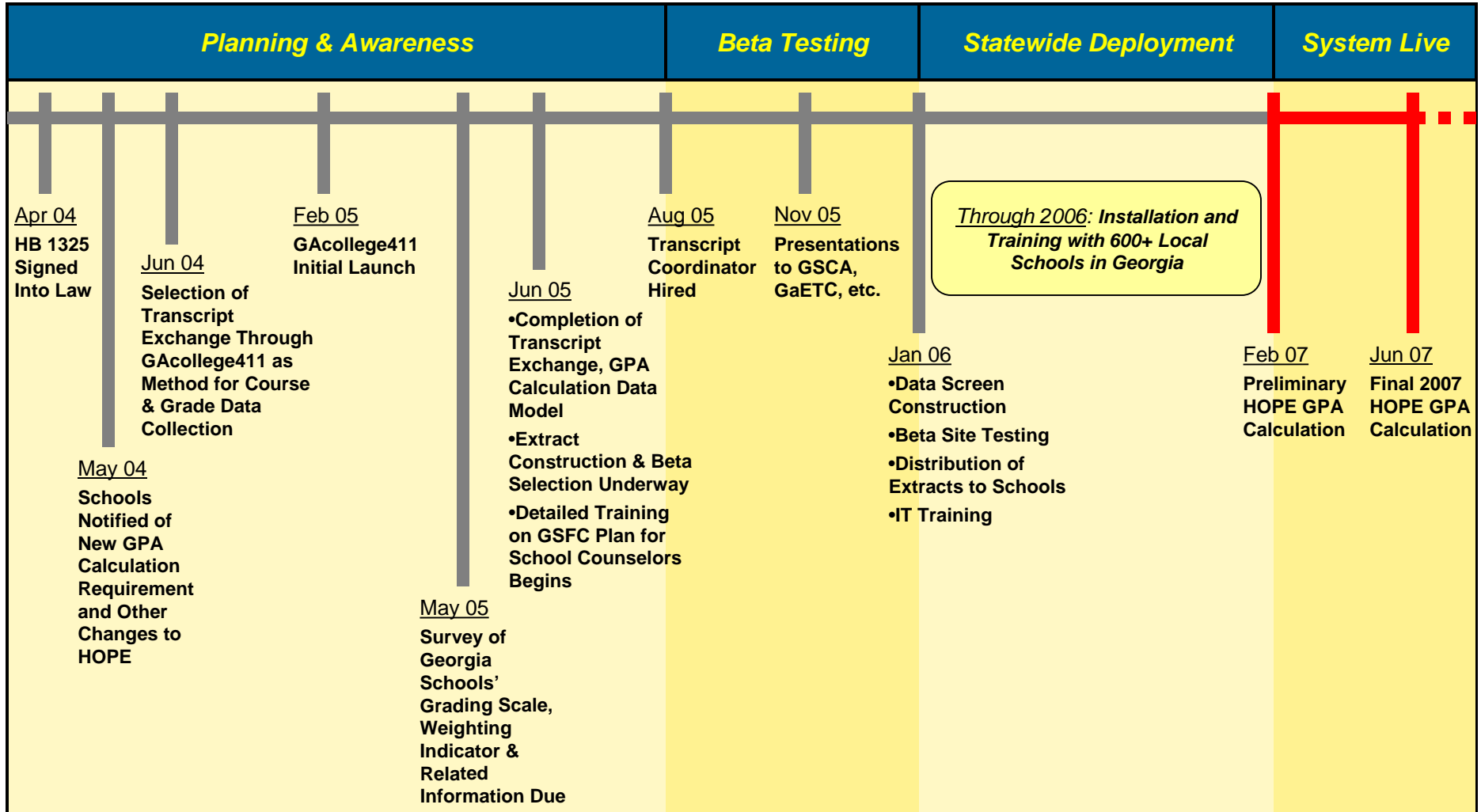
- GSFC No Longer Collects Summary GPAs – It Must Collect Raw Transcript Data and Grading Schemes
- GSFC Must Define and Standardize the Elements and the Process for Determining Eligibility
- Data Must be Collected Twice Annually from all High Schools for HOPE

Our Problem: What the New Method Requires of GSFC



- Approximately 620 High Schools in Georgia – Private Schools Plus High Schools in 180 Public School Systems
- 56 Unique Grading Scales Identified in Public High Schools
- 38 Different SIS Packages in Use Statewide
- Among Georgia High Schools:
 - 198 Running SASIxp
 - 49 Running Powerschool
 - 71 Running Schoolmax
 - Some Schools with Homegrown SIS's
 - Some Private Schools with No SIS!

HOPE Scholarship GPA & Transcript Exchange Timeline

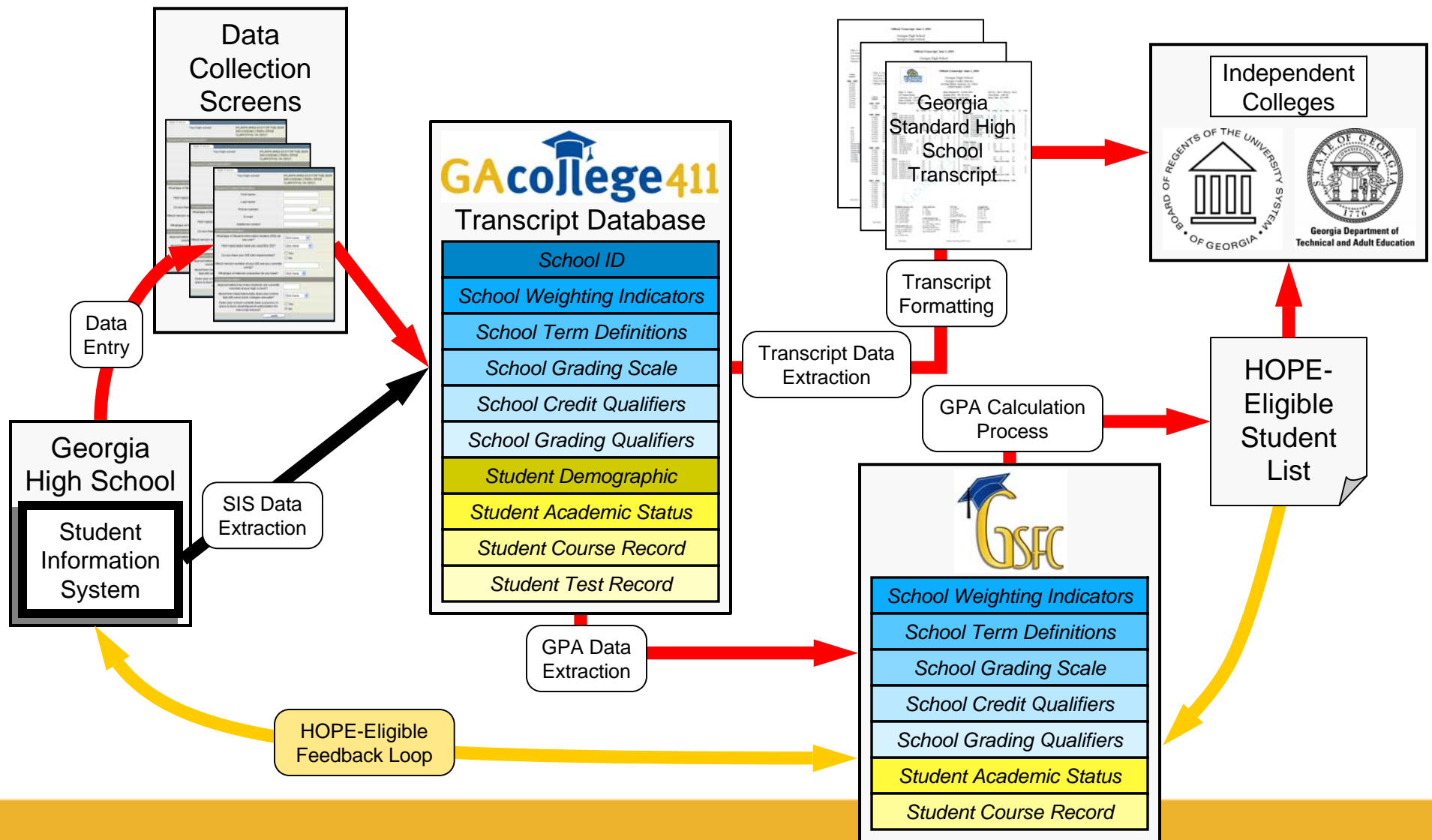


The Solution: GAcollege411 and the Transcript Exchange Process

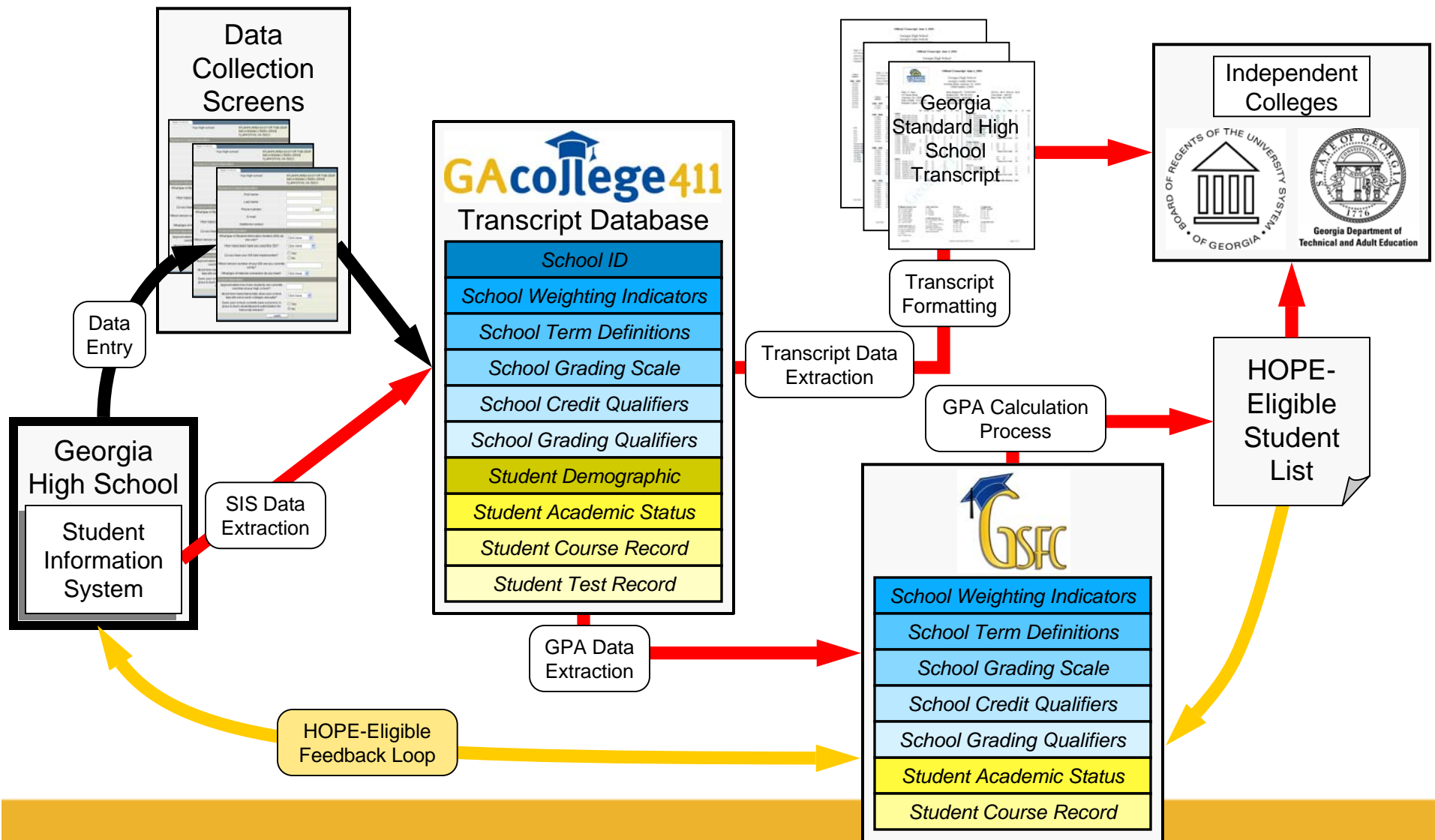


- The GSFC Mission is to Increase Postsecondary Participation for Georgians
- Providing College and Career Information has Always been a Vital Part of that Mission
- GAcollege411.org Provides that Information, as Well as Other Tools for Planning, Applying and Paying for College
- It also Provides a Mechanism for Sending High School Transcripts to Postsecondary Institutions, While at the Same Time Providing a Mechanism for Capturing the Data Needed for the HOPE GPA Calculation

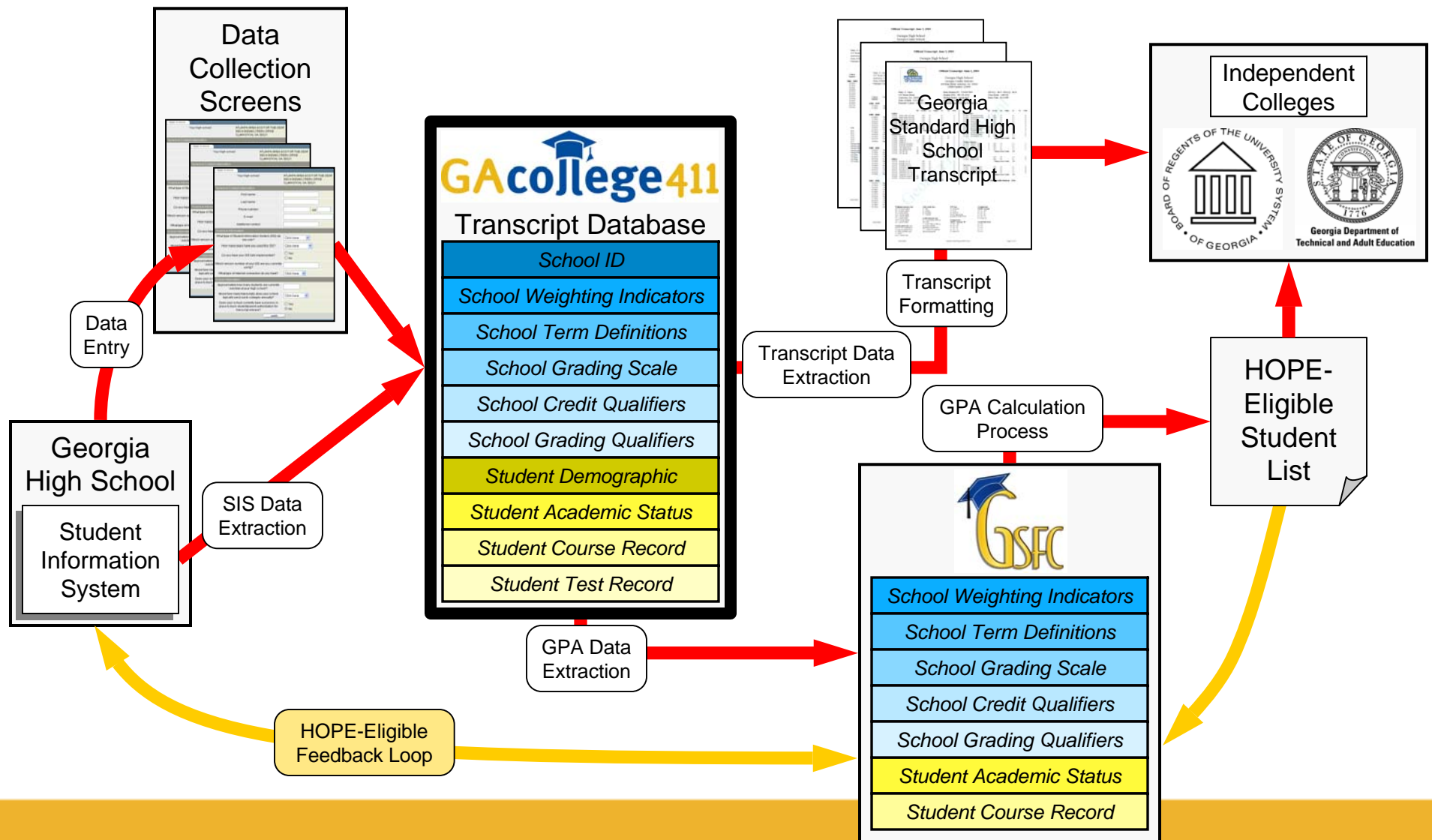
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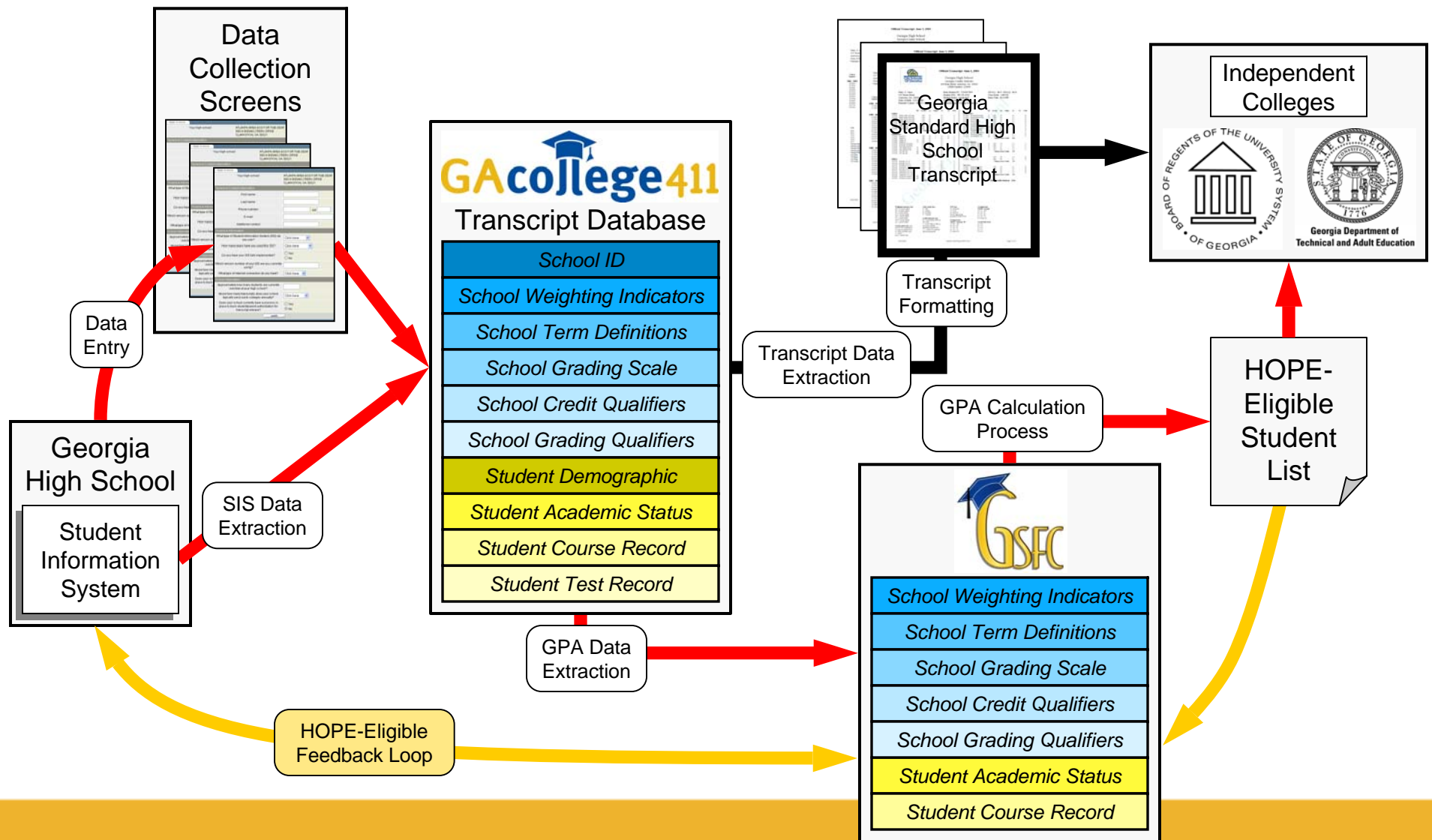
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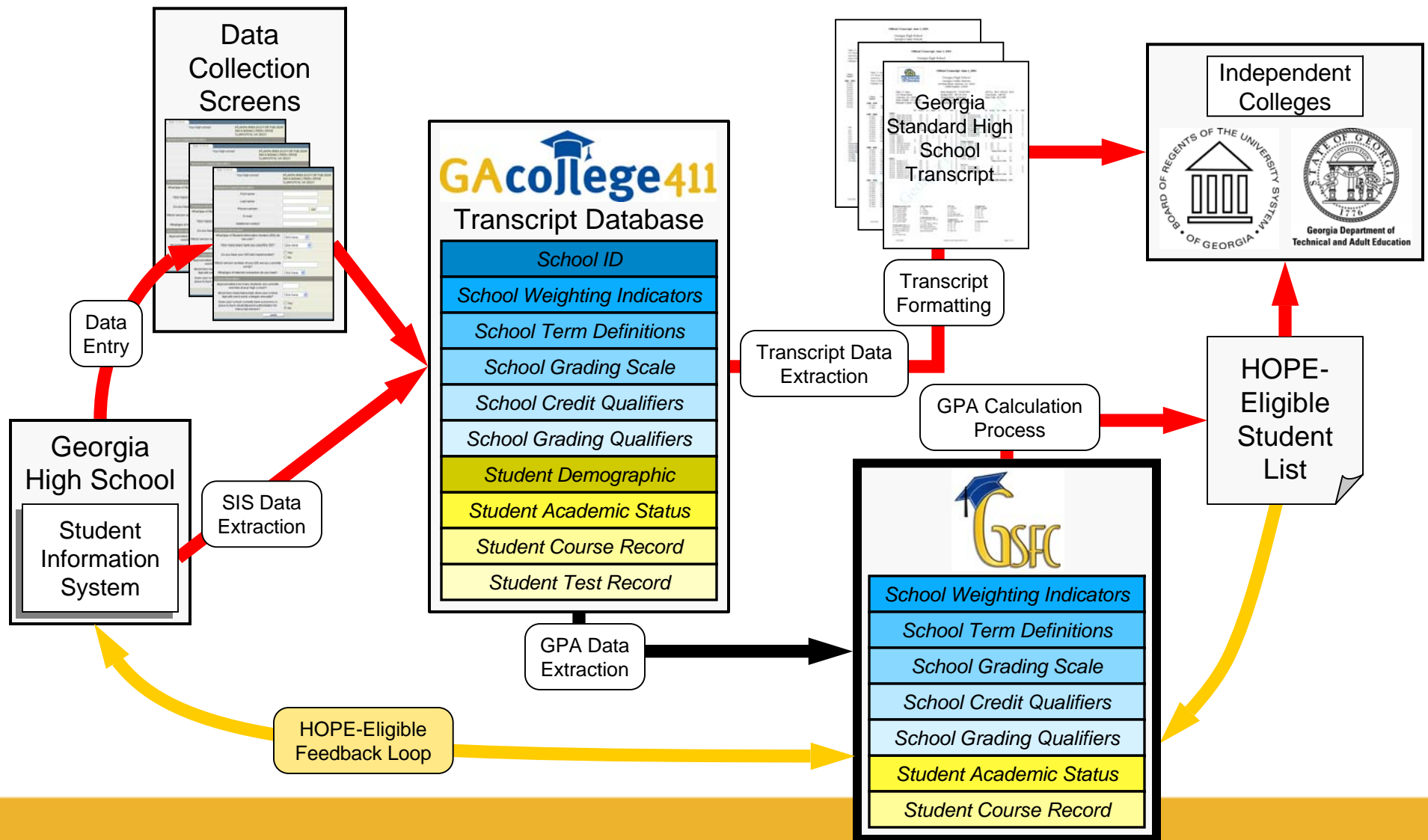
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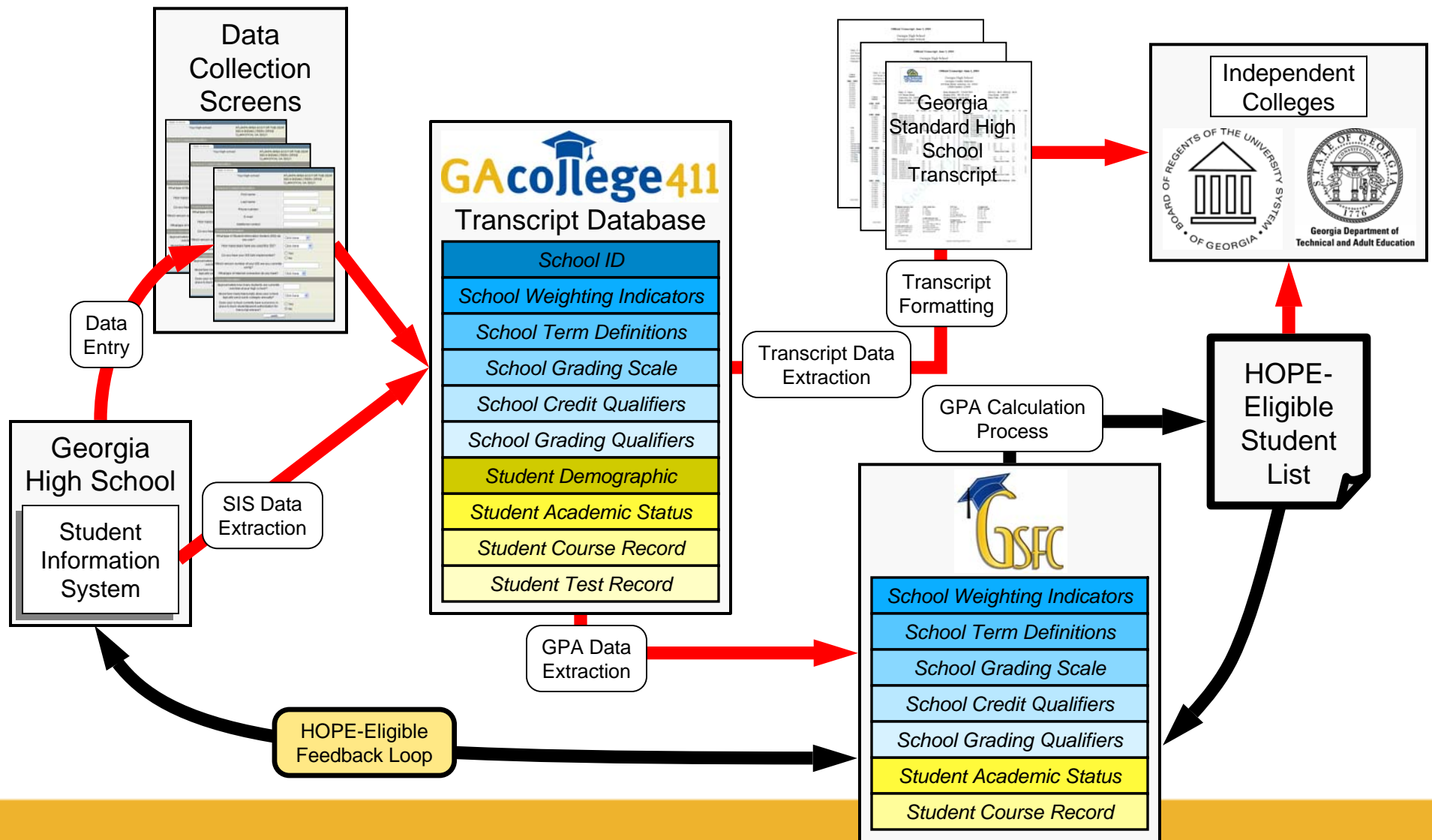
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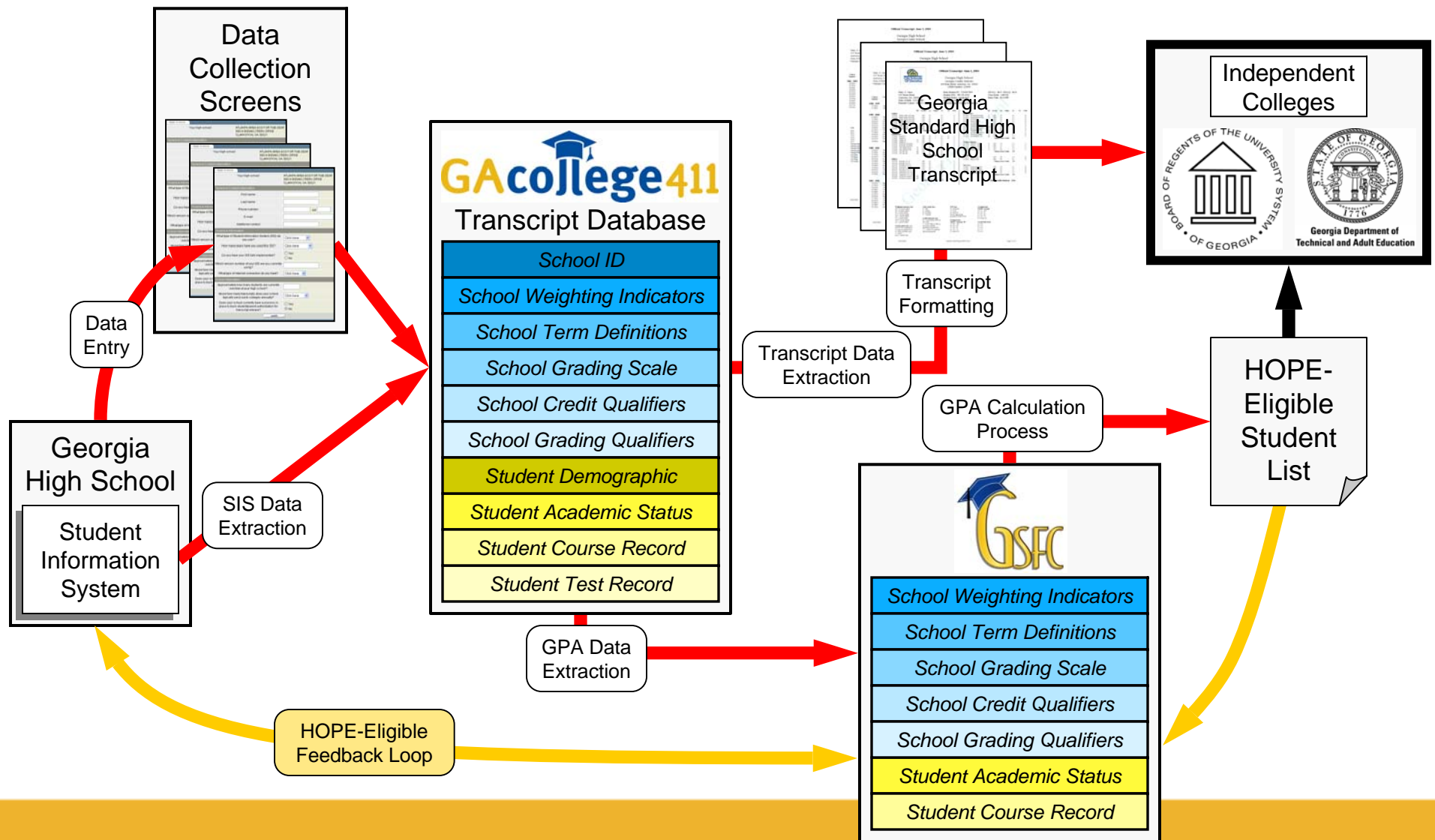
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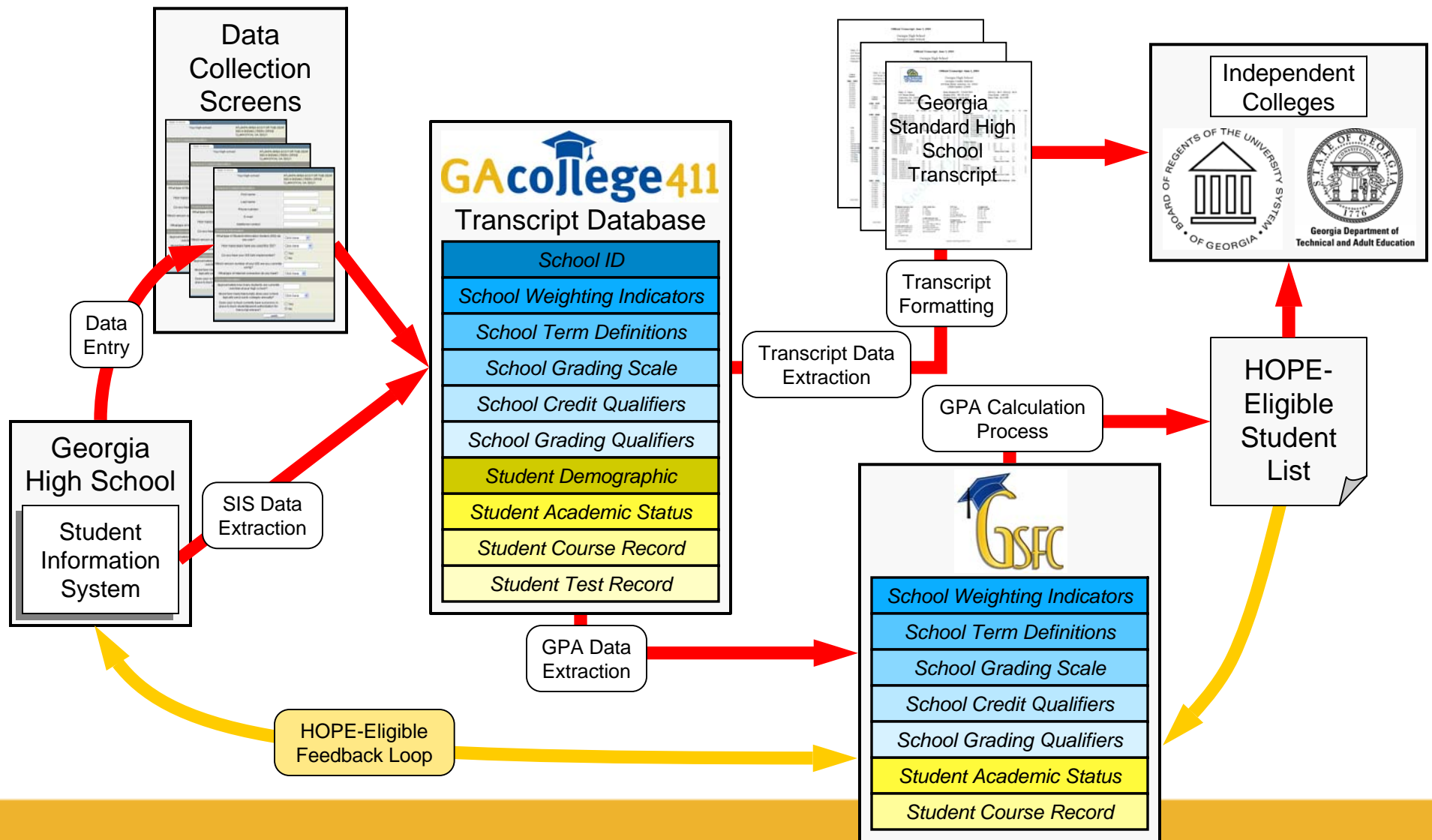
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Sample GPA Calculation



Sample Grade Point Average Calculation: A Preview of the Method of Determining HOPE Scholarship Eligibility in 2007

Year	Term	Student ID	Course Number	Course Description	Credits Attempted	Credit Qualifier	Grade	Subtract Points for Weighting Indicators			Unweighted Grade	Convert to 4.0 Scale	Re-Weight AP/IB (.5)	4.0 Scale Wtd Grade	Grade Multiplied by Credits Attempted	
								Weighting Indicator	H	G						AP
1999	F	1234567890	27.0610	Algebra I	0.5	#	88				88					
	S	1234567890	27.0610	Algebra I	0.5	#	83				83					
2000	F	1234567890	27.0640	Algebra II	0.5		87	H	-3	0	0	84	3	3	1.5	
	F	1234567890	23.0810	Ninth Grade Literature/Composition	0.5		95		0	0	0	95	4	4	2	
	F	1234567890	45.2610	Economics/Business/Free Enterprise: Gifted	0.5		99	G	0	-3	0	96	4	4	2	
	F	1234567890	26.0120	Biology I (9-12)	0.5		81		0	0	0	81	3	3	1.5	
	F	1234567890	53.0361	Beginning Band I	0.5		90		0	0	0	90				
	F	1234567890	60.2110	French I: Gifted	0.5		79	G	0	-3	0	76	2	2	1	
	S	1234567890	27.0640	Algebra II	0.5		80	H	-3	0	0	77	2	2	1	
	S	1234567890	23.0810	Ninth Grade Literature/Composition	0.5		85		0	0	0	85	3	3	1.5	
	S	1234567890	45.2610	Economics/Business/Free Enterprise: Gifted	0.5		92	G	0	-3	0	89	3	3	1.5	
	S	1234567890	26.0120	Biology I (9-12)	0.5		88		0	0	0	88	3	3	1.5	
	S	1234567890	53.0361	Beginning Band I	0.5		86		0	0	0	86				
	S	1234567890	60.2110	French I: Gifted	0.5		77	G	0	-3	0	74	2	2	1	
2001	F	1234567890	23.0820	Tenth Grade Literature/Composition	0.5		85		0	0	0	85	3	3	1.5	
	F	1234567890	27.0630	Euclidean Geometry	0.5		79		0	0	0	79	2	2	1	
	F	1234567890	26.0130	Biology II (9-12)	0.5		87		0	0	0	87	3	3	1.5	
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	S	1234567890	27.0630	Euclidean Geometry	0.5		77		0	0	0	77	2	2	1	
	S	1234567890	26.0130	Biology II (9-12)	0.5		86		0	0	0	86	3	3	1.5	
	S	1234567890	40.0510	Chemistry I (9-12)	0.5		80		0	0	0	80	3	3	1.5	
	S	1234567890	60.2120	French II: Gifted	0.5		80	G	0	-3	0	77	2	2	1	
	S	1234567890	53.0362	Beginning Band II	0.5		90		0	0	0	90				
2002	F	1234567890	23.0520	English Literature/Composition	0.5		91		0	0	0	91	4	4	2	
	F	1234567890	27.0650	Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry	0.5		84	H	-3	0	0	81	3	3	1.5	
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	F	1234567890	45.0810	United States History	0.5		96		0	0	0	96	4	4	2	
	F	1234567890	21.0210	Explorations in Technology	0.5		98		0	0	0	98				
	F	1234567890	45.0830	World History	0.5		93		0	0	0	93	4	4	2	
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	S	1234567890	45.0830	World History	0.5		90		0	0	0	90	4	4	2	
2003	F	1234567890	23.0650	Advanced Placement Literature/Composition	0.5		88	AP	0	0	-5	83	3	0.5	3.5	1.75
	F	1234567890	27.0720	Advanced Placement Calculus AB	0.5		82	AP	0	0	-5	75	2	0.5	2.5	1.25
	F	1234567890	26.0620	Advanced Placement Environmental Science	0.5		85	AP	0	0	-5	80	3	0.5	3.5	1.75
	F	1234567890	45.0620	Advanced Placement Macroeconomics	0.5		85	AP	0	0	-5	80	3	0.5	3.5	1.75
	F	1234567890	45.2710	World Geography: Gifted	0.5		88	G	0	-3	0	85	3	3	1.5	
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Grade Scale Letter Grade	High	Low
A	100	90
B	89	80
C	79	70
D	na	na
F	89	60

█ = Coursework Taken in Core Academic Areas Used in HOPE GPA Calculation

H = Honors
G = Gifted
AP = Advanced Placement

HOPE GPA -- 2007 Method =
(Divided by Core Credits Attempted)

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Main Steps in the Transcript Exchange/GPA Calculation Process



- Complete and sign Xap legal agreement
- Complete all workbook sections

Extract Process:

- Download SIS extract software
- Install manual transcript data entry software

Main Steps in the Transcript Exchange/GPA Calculation Process



Online Profile Screens:

- Complete School Profile screens on GAcollege411:
 - Main profile screen
 - Academic terms screen
 - Weighting indicators screen
 - Grading scale screens
 - Grade and credit qualifier screens
- Private schools: provide course translation online

Transcript Exchange Implementation Plan



- Working with primary SIS vendors to develop extract software
- Xap developing profile screens
- Hired personnel dedicated to Transcript Exchange project
- 7 Installers working on the project
- Workbook detailing the process mailed to schools Jan 2006

Transcript Exchange Implementation Plan



- Contact all schools to confirm workbook received and agreements signed and returned
- Schedule extract and manual entry software installation
- Export and upload transcript data to GAcollege411
- Provide Training on SIS transcript data, profile screen data and GPA calculation
- Installations scheduled from Feb – Oct 2006
- Process live for preliminary HOPE-eligible list Jan 2007

Extract Software – Getting Started



- Go to <http://beta.counselor.xap.com>
- Log on:
 - Username: username
 - Password: password

Note: You may customize your password by selecting the Personal Profile option under the Preferences menu. You must also select GAcollege411 as your 'Home System' (click on the Home System tab that appears on the Personal Profile screen).

Extract Software – Getting Started



- Once logged on, select the School Profile option under the Preferences menu

xap THE COUNSELOR CENTER DaVida Atwood
DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL [log-out](#)

Invite Students
[Invite your students online](#) individually or in groups using their e-mail addresses.

My Quicklinks [Edit](#)

- ▶1 Empty
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Home ▶ Student Management ▶ Counselor Tools ▶ Reports ▶ **Preferences** ▶ Help

My Invited Students

Name <E-mail>
You have no invited students.

Calendar

Event	Start Date	End Date
You have no events scheduled today.		

Statistics

Student Summary	Today	This Week	This Month	Total
none				
Transcripts	Today	This Week	This Month	Total

Extract Software – Getting Started



- Complete the School Profile, making sure to select SASIxp as your Student Information system. Be sure to click the update button to save your changes

High School	
Your high school:	DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL 310 NORTH MCDONOUGH STREET DECATUR, GA 30030
Technical Contact Information	
First name:	<input type="text"/>
Last name:	<input type="text"/>
Phone number:	<input type="text"/> ext. <input type="text"/>
E-mail:	<input type="text"/>
Additional contact:	<input type="text"/>
Technical Information	
What type of Student Information System (SIS) do you use?	<input type="text" value="Click here"/>
How many years have you used this SIS?	<input type="text" value="Click here"/>
Do you have your SIS fully implemented?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Which version number of your SIS are you currently using?	<input type="text"/>
What type of internet connection do you have?	<input type="text" value="Click here"/>
School Information	
Approximately how many students are currently enrolled at your high school?	<input type="text"/>
About how many transcripts does your school typically send out to colleges annually?	<input type="text" value="Click here"/>
Does your school currently have a process in place to track student/parent authorization for transcript release?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="button" value="update"/>	

Extract Software – Downloading



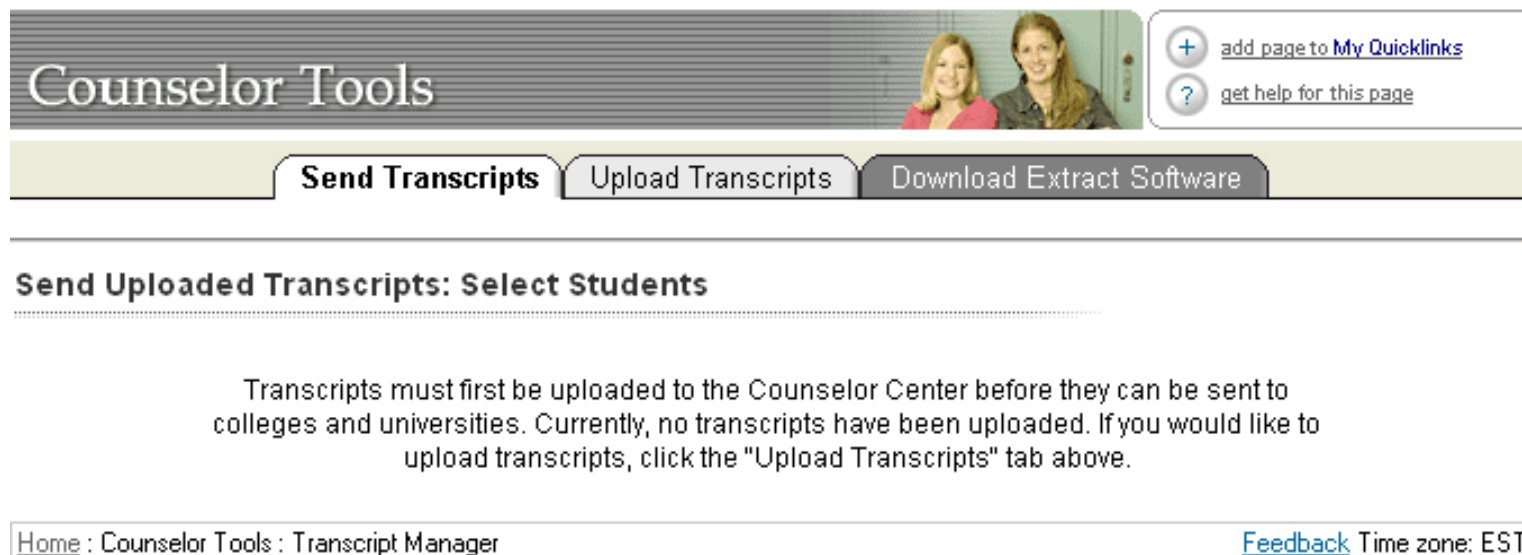
- Select the Transcript Manager option under the Counselor Tools menu

The screenshot shows the XAP Counselor Center interface. At the top, it displays the user's name 'DaVida Atwood' and school 'DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL' with a 'log-out' button. The main navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Student Management', 'Counselor Tools', 'Reports', 'Preferences', and 'Help'. The 'Counselor Tools' menu is open, listing options such as Bulk E-mail Manager, Event Calendar, Transcript Manager, Advanced Features, myCounselor Site Manager, Bulk Mail Manager, Chat Manager, Variable Workspace Manager, and Letter Template Manager. The 'Transcript Manager' option is highlighted. Below the menu, there are sections for 'My Invited Students' (showing no students) and a table with columns for 'Start Date', 'End Date', 'Today', 'This Week', 'This Month', and 'Total'.

Start Date	End Date	Today	This Week	This Month	Total

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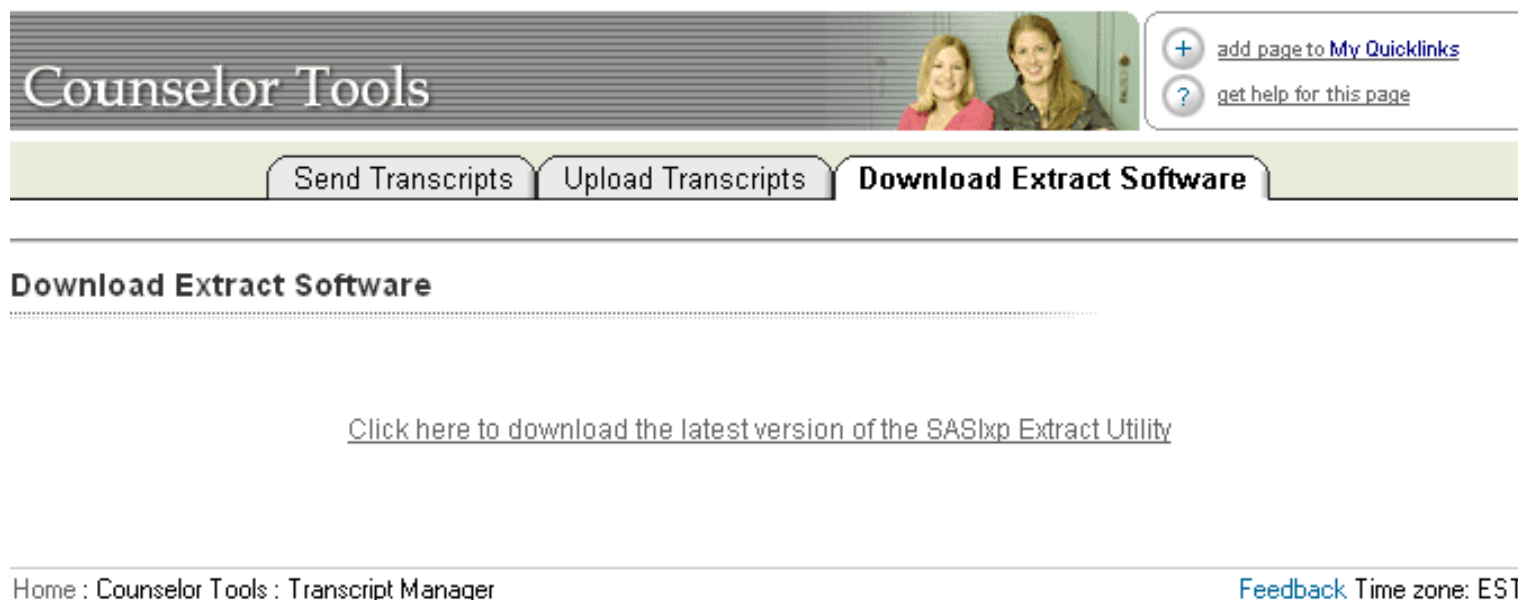
- Click the Download Extract Software tab



The screenshot shows the 'Counselor Tools' interface. At the top, there is a header with the text 'Counselor Tools' and a small image of two women. To the right of the header are two buttons: '+ add page to My Quicklinks' and '? get help for this page'. Below the header is a navigation bar with three tabs: 'Send Transcripts', 'Upload Transcripts', and 'Download Extract Software'. The 'Download Extract Software' tab is highlighted. Below the navigation bar is a section titled 'Send Uploaded Transcripts: Select Students'. The text in this section reads: 'Transcripts must first be uploaded to the Counselor Center before they can be sent to colleges and universities. Currently, no transcripts have been uploaded. If you would like to upload transcripts, click the "Upload Transcripts" tab above.' At the bottom of the page, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home : Counselor Tools : Transcript Manager' and a 'Feedback' link. The time zone is listed as 'EST'.

Extract Software – Downloading

- Use the 'Click here to download the latest version of the SASIxp Extract Utility' link to download the software



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- Run the software installation

Question and Answer Session



- Please place your completed question form in the box
- All questions not answered today will be answered through follow-up email
- Further questions may be emailed to:
transcripts@gsfc.org
- GSFC thanks you for coming!