

College Credit Now!
11th Grade Advisement Activity

Estimated time: 20-30 Minutes NOTE: Possibly a shorter activity. Additional time can be used for individual sessions if needed. 11th grade students usually need reassurance they are taking the right classes to graduate.

Georgia Teachers-As-Advisors Framework

Goal 11-2.3 - Identify and participate in ongoing, lifelong-learning experiences to enhance the ability to perform effectively and work in a diverse and changing world

d. Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary for successful transition from one learning level to the next (e.g. high school to postsecondary)

e. Identify types of ongoing learning experiences available and how one prepares to participate in life-long learning (e.g., two- and four-year colleges, technical schools, apprenticeships, the military, on-line courses, and on-the-job training)

f. Demonstrate participation in specific education/training programs (e.g., high school career paths and courses, college majors, and apprenticeship programs) that help one function effectively in a diverse and changing economy

Objectives:

- Students will gain a general understanding of the various ways to earn postsecondary credit while still in high school including Advanced Placement

Materials:

- Handout: "College Credit Now!"

Activity:

1. *Say:* "Good morning, students. Welcome to advisement. Today we are going to discuss "Twofers". Remember last year you learned that Georgia has multiple types of dual enrollment opportunities which allow students to earn both high school and college credit while still in high school—TWO FOR ONE! These programs vary; however, the one constant is that you must be enrolled at the college----that's the first step in the process.
2. *Distribute the handout. Say:* Dual enrollment can save time, money and you can prove that you can do college level work. In addition, remember you will need the counselor's assistance in the process because you must still meet graduation requirements.
3. *Have students examine the graphic and ask questions. Refer questions to the counselor if you don't feel comfortable with the information or you don't know the answer. This process can become very complicated regarding credit and scheduling. Remember students must STILL meet graduation requirements and take state mandated assessments like GHSGT or EOCTs----that is critical.*
4. *Ask:* Do you know of another way you can earn college-level credit without being enrolled in a postsecondary school? *Advanced Placement, that's right. (AP) Say:* Advanced Placement offers you a higher level of learning and can also save you money and time. Students in AP courses will have the opportunity to earn college-level credit through an exam process after attending classes at the high school. You can take advantage, if you already haven't, by talking with your counselor. *NOTE: Tell students which AP courses are offered at your school and remind them that Georgia offers AP courses through Virtual School. Ask:* Are any of you taking dual classes? *Allow time for discussion. Say:* It is critical that you include the counselor on your planning if you take advantage of these opportunities.
5. *Dismiss:* See you next time! OR, we have a little time left over, do any of you need some individual help. The rest of you can find something to do like homework, reading, or working on a project. So don't waste your time. If you need to see the counselor, make an appointment during break time or at lunch.

Georgia offers multiple programs where students can earn both college credit and high school at the same time while still in high school or on the college campus.

Listed below are some of these programs:

Dual Enrollment

ACCEL-Students simultaneously earn academic credit toward their high school diploma and college credit toward a certificate, diploma or degree.

HOPE GRANT-Students simultaneously earn technical credit toward their high school diploma and college credit toward a certificate or diploma.

MOVE ON WHEN READY (MOWR)-Students simultaneously earn credit toward their high school diploma and college credit toward a certificate, diploma or degree.

ARTICULATION-Students take high school coursework that has been aligned with college-level coursework; credit is conditional upon the college qualifying exam.

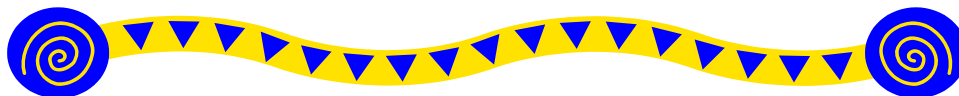
EARLY COLLEGE-High school juniors can earn college credit at designated program sites. Google Early College + Georgia for more information.

JOINT ENROLLMENT-Students can enroll at a local college/university to earn college credit only.

For more information regarding the Accel program visit GACollege411 under the FINANCIAL AID tab to “Scholarships” to Accel Program

For other dual enrollment program information, go to the GaDOE web site under CTAE Curriculum.

Check with your counselor for more details.



Advanced Placement offers you college-level credit

Advanced Placement classes are college-level courses taught as part of the high school curriculum on the high school campus---you do not have to enroll at a college. Through AP's college-level courses and exams, you can earn college credit and advanced placement, stand out in the admissions process, and learn from some of the most skilled, dedicated, and inspiring teachers in the world. For more information: College Board at www.collegeboard.org; Georgia Virtual School offers AP at <http://www.gavirtualschool.org/>



REMEMBER, YOU WILL NEED YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO ASSIST YOU WITH THESE PROGRAMS. The first step is admissions, then there are forms to fill out and scheduling to work out. See your counselor!