

Creating the 411 Account
6th Grade Advisement Activity
Estimated time: 20-30 Minutes

Georgia's Teachers-As-Advisors Framework**Goal: 6-1.1 Create, manage, and enhance a Peach State/GAcollege Portfolio****Competencies:**

a. Record initial information to begin a Peach State Pathway Plan of Study/GAcollege411
PORTFOLIO

Objectives: Students will create a GAcollege411 account**Materials:** Handout: "Creating Your 411 Account" and "Top 10 Reasons" print front and back to save paper. Order brochure, "Explore GAcollege411", and bookmarks, 3 Simple Steps" from GAcollege at "Communications" at the bottom of the homepage.**Activity:**

1. *Say:* Welcome to advisement. I am glad to see you. I hope all is going well with you and your family. If you are having any problems adjusting to middle school, you must let me know so I can help you. This is all new and different from the elementary school and it's certainly okay to ask for help! Today in advisement we are going to talk about a really "cool" web site that is free to all Georgia students. This web site was designed to assist all students and their families with their educational and career planning. It is important that you begin the process using GAcollege411. You say, I am only in the 6th grade. It doesn't matter!; but, it does.... This is a process that you will continue to use. Today's world of work is very different from what it used to be like where people kept the same job for all their lives. People are expected to change jobs 7 to 10 times in their lifetime and jobs today require more education than they ever have before. Most jobs today require education beyond high school. So the sooner you get started the better it is going to be for you. I will be helping you through the process and providing information. This simple flyer will provide you some information about GAcollege411.
2. *Distribute handout, say:* It is an easy three step process: *Read the steps.*
 - a) Step # 1 – Learn about yourself by taking GAcollege411's career-related assessments. *Write on the board/flipchart **WHO AM I?***
 - b) Step # 2 - Explore and investigate the world of work to identify the Georgia Program Concentration, Peach State Pathway and Occupations that interest you. *Write on the board/flipchart **WHERE AM I GOING?***
 - c) Step # 3 – Create a plan of study including both secondary and postsecondary coursework, a financial aid plan to reach your goal and finally a job search. *Write on the board/flipchart **HOW AM I GOING TO GET THERE?***
3. *Say:* Now let's focus on the handout:
 - a) The picture on the left represents the GAcollege411 homepage...the picture will change to reflect different levels of users...this is the picture for middle schools. The red arrow points to where you start creating your account and the blue arrow shows you where to start in the program.
 - b) The box on the right gives you the web address (*Write it on the board/flip chart for emphasis*)
 - c) The huge arrow at the bottom has the steps listed for you to follow to create your account. Remember there are multiple computers in the building that you can use or, if you have a computer at home, you can use your home computer. This web site is

available anywhere at any time on the internet! Don't miss out on the valuable information you can use to figure out the question, "What do I want to be when I grow up?" Not an easy question and one that will take some time and effort to figure out!

4. Dismiss: That's it for today. As you leave pick up a GAcollge411 bookmark on my desk. See you next time! Don't forget to create your account. I will check in a couple weeks to see if you have done it. If time permits, remind students of important events coming up ie. PTSA, Testing Dates, school events like festivals, high school football game coming up and where they can get tickets etc. Also on the back are the 10 top reasons to use GAcollge411.

Creating Your GAcademy411 Account... for your education and career planning



The screenshot shows the GAcademy411 homepage with a navigation menu including Career Planning, High School Planning, College Planning, Financial Aid Planning, and Your Portfolio. A prominent red arrow points to a 'create your account' button. Below the navigation, there are sections for 'Are you a Middle School Student?' and 'Who are you?' with buttons for 'Go Now!' for various user types: Middle School Student, High School Student, College Student, Adult Learner, and Parents of Students. A 'SHORTCUTS' section lists links to HOPE Scholarship information, GPA, Georgia Scholarship/Grant Application (OSFAPPS), Loan Service Center, and ACCEL Program. A 'WHAT'S NEW' section lists recent updates like College Access Month, suspension of state service cancellable loan program, 2009 HOPE GPA High School Status Report, income-based repayment options, and transcript sending.

This page represents the homepage of GAcademy411 where you will begin your journey into education and career planning. Education becomes meaningful when you can see a vision of what your life might look like at the end of your journey.

GAcademy411 can assist with creating that picture sometimes called a vision or a goal.

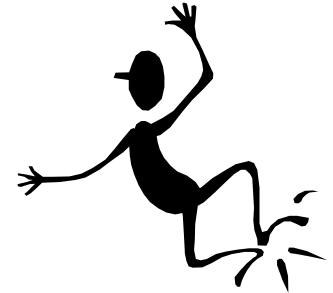
www.GAcademy411.org

Using the steps listed below, create your 411 Account on any computer that has internet access. Remember you have computer labs, media center computers and most of your teachers have access to a computer that they might let you use with permission.

Go to www.GAcademy411.org

- Select "Create An Account"
- Select "Middle School or Junior High School Student"
- Enter "Date of Birth"
- Click "Find" School (Click the Find button to locate school)
- Click "Next"
- Create Account Name (verify that User ID is available)
- Create Password
- Create a Question and Answer to use to retrieve Password if forgotten
- Select Graduation Year - Grade Level
- Click check box for agreeing to Privacy Policy and Terms of Use
- Click Create Your Account

TEN TOP REASONS TO USE GACOLLEGE411
www.GACollege411.org



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| 1. To answer the question, "What Do I Want to Be When I Grow Up?" |
| 2. To discover the REAL ME, my interest, my values, my strengths! |
| 3. To establish education and career-related goals. |
| 3. To investigate the world of work based on Georgia's Program Concentrations and Peach State Pathways. |
| 4. To investigate educational options both while in high school and after high school that will help me meet my goals. |
| 5. To create a plan of action based on good information in a life-long 411 EDUCATION AND CAREER PORTFOLIO |
| 6. To understand the financial aid process for postsecondary education |
| 7. To learn about the Georgia HOPE Program. |
| 8. To learn about multiple opportunities for scholarships |
| 9. To manage your money! |
| 10. TO FIND THE CAREER THAT FITS YOU!!!! |



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