

Revisit Graduation Requirements/Gacollge411 Plan of Study
8th Grade Advisement Activity
Estimated time: 20-30 Minutes

Georgia's Teachers-As-Advisors Framework**Goal: 8-2.2 Recognize and attain performance levels necessary to reach educational and career goals.****Competencies:****e. Recognize** The importance of achievement and performance to the attainment of educational and career goals.**Objectives:** Students will revisit graduation requirements then use that information to create a plan of study in Gacollge411.**Materials:** Handout: "Graduation Requirements/Your Plan of Study" print front and back to save paper**Activity:**

- 1) *Say:* Welcome to advisement. I am glad to see you. I hope all is going well with you and your family. Today in advisement we are going to begin to develop a plan of study. I will expect you to continue with your plan on your own after today's session. I will double check in the next few weeks to see if you have completed the project in Gacollge411.
- 2) *Distribute the handout,* "Graduation Requirements/Your Plan of Study" and the Peach State Pathway Chart. *Say:* Using your handouts, answer the questions with your elbow partner. You will have about 10 minutes to complete the assignment. Then we will go over the answers.
- 3) *Allow students to complete the assignment, and then ask:* Who can tell me what a credit is? Right that is the value you are awarded when you PASS a class at the high school level. You need 4 credits (sometimes called a unit) to meet the graduation requirements in English/Language Arts. So you can plan to take English/Language Arts every year in grades 9-12. Let's go over your answers:
 1. I hope you have been working on identifying a career choice, if not you will need to see me or a counselor later so we can get you started in the process on Gacollge411.
 2. Just like selecting a career choice, you should have identified a Peach State Pathway that matches your selected career choice. For example, if you want to be a registered nurse, you should choose the Nursing Pathway or if you want to be a welder, you should choose the Welding Pathway.
 3. If you don't know if the pathway you have chosen is offered at the high school, you should ask one of the counselors to make sure. If your choice is not offered, we will need to explore the pathway that best fits and what are your postsecondary options to continue in that pathway.
 4. Four
 5. Three
 6. Four
 7. Four
 8. One
 9. Three (any combination; Foreign Language is required for students who will a University of Georgia System school)
 10. Four additional electives – electives are courses you can choose
 11. Advisors should be aware of any additional system level requirements needed for graduation
 12. I hope you have been investigating the types of postsecondary options you have to continue your education and meet your career goal.
 13. Yes, all University of Georgia schools require 2 years of Foreign Language
- 4) *Dismiss:* Knowing graduation requirements can assist you reach your goals. The high school diploma is important---try getting a good paying job without it! See you next time.

Georgia's Graduation Requirements/Plan of Study

In September 2007, the State Board of Education passed a new set of graduation requirements that will assure Georgia's high school students graduate from high school both college and work ready. The rule was revised in conjunction with the implementation of the new Georgia Performance Standards in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies as well as most electives. The new curriculum and the new graduation requirements will help students graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in college and the workplace.

<i>Coursework</i>	<i>Units/Credits</i>
<i>Language Arts</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Physical Education/Health</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Required Electives from: *Foreign Language and/or CTAE and/or Fine Arts</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Electives</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>23</i>

* Students planning to enter or transfer into a University System of Georgia institution must take two units of the same foreign language.

GAcollege411 can assist you with a better understanding of Georgia's Graduation requirements. The program also offers you an opportunity to create a "Plan of Study" based on the planning you have done thus far. We encourage you go to HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING and create your own "Plan of Study" based on your selected career-related choices.



Your Plan of Study"- With your partner using your charts, answer the following questions regarding the high school graduation requirements:

1. What is your career choice? _____
2. What Peach State Pathway will you consider at the high school?

3. Do you know if that pathway is offered at the high school you will attend?
YES NO (circle one) If NO, you will need to ask the counselors or your advisor.
4. How many units/credits of English/Language Arts will you need to meet graduation requirements? _____
5. How many units/credits of Social Studies will you need to meet graduation requirements?

6. How many units/credits of Science will you need to meet graduation requirements?

7. How many units/credits of Math will you need to meet graduation requirements? _____
8. How many units/credits of Health and Physical Education will you need to meet graduation requirements? _____
9. How many units/credits of Career, Technical and Agriculture (Pathway) and/or Foreign Language, and/or Fine Arts (music, art, drama) _____
10. How many additional electives will you need to meet graduation requirements? _____
11. Does your school system require additional units/credits beyond the state requirements? YES NO What? _____
12. Currently what postsecondary (after high school) plans do you have: 4-year college, 2-year college, technical college, special purpose school, apprenticeship, military, go to work
13. If you choose a 4-year institution, will you be required to have Foreign Language?
YES NO
14. Go to Gacollege411 to the HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING tab and complete the Plan of Study on your own time in the media center, computer lab or at home.