The Georgia Parent Involvement Coordinator (PIC) Network

Ways to increase PIC and Counselor Collaboration along with a Make and Take Parent Workshop - Preparing for College

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Parent Engagement Program Workshop Template

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How Important Is College?

Objectives:

- IDENTIFY planning strategies for college
- IDENTIFY your options
- IDENTIFY financial barriers/ resolutions

Ask Questions ● Listen ● Observe ● Understand

- DISCOVER coping methods for separation anxiety
- DISCOVER the personnel you need to talk to about receiving additional support

Planning Strategies

- **Identify your child's career path-** you can help with identifying your child's career path by making suggestions in conjunction with the school counselor, but this should primarily be the child's decision.
- **Start early-** you and your child should start mapping out the details as soon as possible. The earlier you begin planning, the more time your family has to make an informed decision.

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Planning Strategies

- **Tap into free resources-** there is tons of free information available about programs various colleges/ universities offer and the requirements for getting in those programs.

- **Plan college tours-** this can be very time consuming so make it fun by turning college tours into family road trips. Do not hesitate to ask questions while taking the tour. Pay close attention to the college environment and try to visit while students are there instead of when it's empty.

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High School Planning

YOUR PLAN OF STUDY

Plan your high school courses and prepare to meet college and career pathway requirements.

- Your Plan of Study
- Georgia Graduation Requirements

HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING TIMELINE

Find out what you should be doing each year of high school to be successful in high school.

- High School Planning Timeline

SUCCEEDING IN HIGH SCHOOL

Helpful advice on getting and staying ahead including homework helper web sites.

- Succeeding in High School

HIGH SCHOOL TEST PREP

Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT)

All students seeking a Georgia high school diploma must pass the GHSGT.

- FAQ and Tutorials

End of Course Tests (EOCT)

All Georgia high school students must take End of Course Tests which measure how well they are performing in the core areas of English/Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

- FAQ and Tutorials

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Would you like to earn college credit while you are in high school? Learn more about all the programs available under College Credit Now.

- College Credit Now

GUIDEWAYS

Not sure where to start? We can help!

- Begin Guideways

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Succeeding In High School

HOW TO...

Advice on conquering many of the challenges you'll face in trying to succeed in high school.

- How to Become an Effective Speaker
- How to Improve Your Critical Thinking Skills
- How to Improve Your Reading Comprehension
- How to Use Math to Solve Problems
- How to Use Science to Solve Problems
- How to Write a Research Paper
- How to Write Effectively
- Information Organization
- Successful Study Techniques

HOMEWORK HELPERS

Review and links to resourceful web sites that can help you with a variety of topics.

- Atlapedia
- AwesomeStories.com
- Biography.com
- Challenge of Materials
- Discovery Online
- Fact Monster
- Franklin Institute Museum
- FunBrain.com
- Geology Link
- GLOBE Program
- Kid Info
- Kinetic City Super Crew
- Library of Congress
- LibrarySpot
- Math in Daily Life
- National Geographic Online
- Neuroscience for Kids
- Physics Resources for Students
- Physlink
- SciCentral
- Secrets of the SAT
- Soda Constructor
- Surfing With the Bard
- Tech Encyclopedia
- The Artchive
- The Internet Public Library
- The Virtual Frog Dissection Kit
- UC Irvine Libraries

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Graduation Requirements for Students Enrolling in the 9th grade in 2008-2009

The chart below represents the graduation requirements for 9th graders enrolling at the high school in 2008-2009. ALL students will be required to complete the requirements listed above. Your selection of courses will be extremely important.

In addition, guidance from adults (parents, counselor, advisor, instructors) can assist you in making these very important decisions. Remember you should have done some investigation about career possibilities prior to selecting your classes at the high school. High school will begin to prepare you for the next step you take and that will depend on the answer to the question, "Where Am I Going?" Go to this web site for information about Georgia's HOT JOBS!
http://explorer.dol.state.ga.us/mis/current/hot_careers_current.pdf (PDF)

Gathering information and keeping that information in an organized, systematic format will help you and your parents/guardian make more informed decisions about your future. Selecting high school courses is one of the most important things you will do because your future depends on it. Good Luck!!! Remember there are other requirements for graduation such as passing the Georgia High School Graduation Test or your local system may require additional units/credits for graduation.

Current GEORGIA Graduation Rule for student entering the 9th grade in fall of 2008-2009 Areas of Study:	Credits
I. English/Language Arts	4
II. Math	4
III. *Science	4
IV. Social Studies	3
V. **Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE), and/or Modern Language/Latin, and/or Fine Arts	3
VI. Health & Physical Education	1
VII. Electives (4 units)	4
TOTAL UNITS	23
*4th Science may be used to meet both the required science and required elective in CTAE sequence of courses (V) **Student must complete 3 units in a pathway to complete CTAE pathway and take end of pathway assessment; Student must complete 2 years of the same foreign language for admissions to Georgia Board of Regents colleges/universities.	

Graduation Requirements for Students Enrolling in the 9th grade in 2002-2003

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Career Pathways Course Numbers / Career Pathway Chart

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Georgia Career Pathways

High School Career Pathway Performance Standards

- High School - Phase I (Implemented Fall 2007)
- High School – Phase II (Implemented Fall 2008)
- High School - Phase III (Implemented Fall 2009)
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Program Concentrations

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Construction, Communications & Transportation
- Business & Computer Science
- Culinary Arts
- Education
- Engineering and Technology
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Government and Public Safety
- Healthcare Science
- Marketing, Sales & Services

Support Program for Special Populations

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Planning Strategies

- **Avoid scams-** beware of the many scams that will not benefit your child. These may include but are not limited to:
  - Scholarship Guarantees
  - College Search Agencies
  - Paying scholarship application fees by credit card
  - Loans with upfront fees
  - Fake Websites

Identify Your Options

- Should my child complete a two-year program or does their career path require a four-year degree?
- Should my child attend a college or university in-state or out-of-state?
- Is my child paying for their own education?
- Will my child live on campus or off campus?
- Do I want my child to have a meal plan at the university or will I provide direct funds for their eating expenses?
- Should my child work part-time while in college?

Financial Barriers

- Rising college costs
- Declining value of financial aid
- Little in the way of financial assets to support college student
- Poor credit
- Lack of knowledge about resources

Financial Resolutions

- **Start saving today if you have not already set aside a college fund for your child. Talk to your banker if you have access to one.**
- **Apply for grants and scholarships immediately. Consult with the guidance counselor at your school to find out what is available.**
- **Apply for financial aid as soon as possible if deemed necessary. The sooner you apply, the more award money your child may be eligible to receive.**

Coping with Separation Anxiety

- Stay in touch
- Enjoy your free time by joining a club
- Select a new hobby
- Reach out for support from other parents whose children have left for college
- Volunteer
- Keep a diary so you can have lots to talk about when you're reunited with your son/daughter

Additional Support and Resources

The community can:

- Organize volunteers to assist families with transportation to college tours within a certain mile radius
- Help raise money for application fees to assist students coming from economically challenged households
- Provide assistance with completing college applications at local community centers and churches
- Host a community career fair for upcoming high school graduates

Additional Support and Resources

The school can:

- Make sure they have an assortment of current college and university information in the form of brochures, flyers and packets, available to students
- Host at least two college and/or career fairs at the school
- Have high school graduates speak to families about college and offer suggestions based on their experiences
- Publicize the availability of financial resources

Parents are encouraged to:

- Ask for an example of a financial aid award letter and a student budget for tuition, fees, room and board, books, transportation, and living costs
- Talk to friends and family about how they proceeded with this process and how they decided on their college/university
- Investigate, Investigate, Investigate all of your options and remember that you can never start too early

School Counselor and PIC Collaboration

Communication Leads to Sustainability

- Set aside time at least twice per month to meet and discuss any changes, concerns, and improvements that have been made to engage all parents.

- Correspond with each other via e-mail or phone in between meetings as needed to address questions or concerns that may arise.

- Foster an open-door policy with one another, so both professionals are comfortable with the collaboration.

- Demonstrate genuine interest in the well-being of all children and it is likely that the parents will be more likely to play a role in the parent-school-community partnership.

School Counselor and PIC Collaboration

Enhance the Work That Is Already Being Done

- **Work together to create ways to engage *all* parents in their child's education inclusive of school volunteer opportunities or ways they can enhance their child's learning at home.**

- **Organize transportation services and childcare for families to attend events such as Open House, PTA meetings, Parent-Teacher Conferences and Academic Nights where applicable and appropriate.**

- **Collaborate on cultural-based community and school events that are held annually.**

Monthly Webinar Series Continues…

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Thursday, January 26, 2012
9:30 am – 11:00 am

Promising Parent Engagement Practices in Action

- **Early County School District and Early County Family Connection sharing a Community Cafe Process for Parent/Community Feedback on the CLIP**

- **Liberty County Elementary School in Fulton County sharing the Teacher Prescription Pad for Family Engagement**

- **Judia Jackson Harris Elementary School in Clarke County sharing an ESOL class for Parents that Works**

Open for Questions

College Preparedness Resources:

- Separation Anxiety

http://life.familyeducation.com/anxiety

- Breaking Through Barriers

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/01/chicago_schools.html

- College Preparedness

http://www.tburg.k12.ny.us/onefurey/timetable_for_college_preparedness.htm

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