

## College Credit Now 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisement Activity Estimated Time: 20-30 minutes

### Georgia's [Teachers-As-Advisors Framework](#)

**Goal 9-1.1:** Create, manage, and enhance an educational and career planning portfolio.

**Competency:** Continue to expand information in one's Career Pathway educational and career plan and portfolio

**Objectives:** Students will become knowledgeable of ways to obtain college credit while still in high school and will become aware of how these options might fit into their educational plans and portfolio.

**Materials:** Copy of "411 College Credit Now" sheets which are attached for each student. Print front and back to save paper; (optional) candy for correct answers or for the winning team.

### Scripted Activity:

- A. *Greet students:* "Welcome to advisement. It's a great day! Hope all is going well with your classes. Today we will be looking at ways you can obtain college credit while still in high school. Can you imagine yourself three years from now graduating from high school with two years of college credit? (*Allow students to reply.*) Do you think this is possible? (*Allow students to reply.*) Remember you learned about these opportunities last year in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Let's be sure you know about these opportunities so you can consider them as you plan your next three years of study. We are going to play a game to see just how much you know about earning college credit while in high school. (*Divide the class into two groups – girls vs boys or some other way.*) I will ask a question, and the first person whose hand I see raised will be called on to answer the question. Each correct answer will earn one point for your team. Are you ready? The first question is...
1. What are AP or Advanced Placement classes? (*Answer – college-level classes taken in high school*)
  2. How do students get college credit for taking AP classes? (*Answer – whether or not college credit is awarded depends on the score students make on the AP test given in May of the school year*)
  3. What AP score is necessary to obtain college credit? (*Answer - Individual colleges determine their acceptable scores – some colleges will only accept a "5" on the AP test for credit to be given, while some colleges will accept a "3" on the AP test.*)
  4. What is the "Move on When Ready" program? (*Answer - High school juniors and seniors can begin their college career early and receive both a high school diploma and college credit.*)
  5. If a student is in a Dual Academic Program, also referred to as Accel, what does that mean? (*Answer - Courses in math, science, language arts, foreign language and social studies taken at a local college can allow a student to earn both college and academic credit.*)
  6. What is Dual Technical Credit? (*Answer – Courses taken at a local technical college can allow a student to earn both college technical and high school credit.*)
  7. One program at the University of West Georgia is called the Advanced Academy. What does being involved in this program indicate? (*Answer - This Academy is an early admission, residential program at the University. Students attending the Academy must be gifted, talented and motivated students and live on the college campus.*)
  8. What is the Gateway to College program? (*Answer - This program is located at Georgia Perimeter College and Savannah Technical College and is for drop-outs or high-risk students who have the potential to graduate and earn a diploma or dual enrollment credit for college.*)

(If your school has an International Baccalaureate (IB) program, ask the following :)

9. What are International Baccalaureate classes? (*Answer - IB classes are a challenging, two-year curriculum that may earn college credit..*)
10. How is college credit given for IB classes? (*Answer – Students who complete the two-year curriculum and score well on the end-of-course assessments may obtain college credit, but colleges vary in scores required and credits given.*)
- B. “Congratulations to our (*whichever team wins*)! All of you have learned much about ways to earn college credit before graduating from high school. *Distribute the handout.* Let’s look at the “College Credit Now” sheet to see what other opportunities there may be. What do you see on the sheet that we have not mentioned? (*Students should mention GAMES which is an Academy at Middle Georgia College which emphasizes aviation, mathematics, engineering, and science and is open to gifted, talented, and motivated students; Early College which targets high poverty, minority, first-generation college students who desire to complete one to two years of transferable college credit prior to graduating from high school; and Georgia Career Academies which are located at selected sites around the state and provide an opportunity for the student to earn both high school and technical college credit*). What are the advantages to participating in these type programs? (*Answer – time and money*) Do you have any questions? If I can’t answer your questions, I will ask your counselor and give you an answer the next time we meet or before or I will invite the counselor to attend our advisement session for about 10 minutes to answer your questions.
- C. “You can obtain more information about these ways to obtain college credit in high school from your counselor; you will want to see your counselor regarding graduation requirements and scheduling. As you consider the next three years of your four-year plan and beyond, see if earning college credit while in high school is for you. The “College Credit Now” sheets you have been given can be found at GACollege411.org in the box titled “College Credit Now” under the High School Planning tab at the top of the homepage. You will also find more information about dual enrollment programs at [www.doe.k12.ga.us](http://www.doe.k12.ga.us) under “Career, Technical and Ag Education.” (*You may want to print the Dual Credit Programs Brochure for the students to see.*) Share this information with your parents – it will save them money if you take advantage of the opportunity. See you next time we meet, and stay safe! AND, of course, be here, be on time and be attentive! Have a great day.”

## COLLEGE CREDIT NOW – THIS INFORMATION IS LOCATED UNDER THE HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING TAB AT GACOLLEGE411.ORG.

There are many ways you can get credits for college in high school. It's a smart thing to do — you'll save money and get ahead!

Here are the three key ways:

- [Earn College Credit at Your High School](#)
- [Attend a Local College While Still in High School](#)
- [Attend a High School/College Sponsored Program](#)

If you are interested in any of these options, please contact your high school counselor or graduation coach for more information.

### Earn College Credit at Your High School

Option	Description	Student Eligibility	Credit Type	Tuition May Be Paid By	Separate College Admission Requirement?	Special Condition / Notes
Advanced Placement (AP)	Successful completion of AP college-level courses and high scores on course exams will earn college credit at all USG institutions and many private colleges. AP courses are available at high schools around the state as well as through the Georgia Virtual High School.	Determined by HS	HS-College Credit Conditional*	N/A	No	Colleges vary in scores required and credits given, not available at every HS.
International Baccalaureate (IB)	IB is a challenging two-year curriculum offered at select high schools throughout the state. Completion of the diploma may earn college credits for a student who scores well on the end-of-course assessments.	Determined by HS	HS-College Credit Conditional*	N/A	No	Colleges vary in scores required and credits given, not available at every HS.

\*Note: Most colleges award credit based on post-course test scores.

### Attend a Local College While Still in High School

Option	Description	Student Eligibility	Credit Type	Tuition May Be Paid By	Separate College Admission Requirement?	Special Condition / Notes
Dual Academic Credit	Courses in Math, Science, Language Arts, Foreign Language and Social Studies taken at a local college can allow a student to earn both college academic credit and high school credit.	HS students from HOPE eligible HS	HS and College	Student or Accel	Yes	Only selected courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language may be taken.
Dual Technical Credit	Courses taken at a local college can allow a student to earn both college technical credit and high school credit.	Georgia residents	College-HS credit at local discretion	Student or HOPE Grant	Yes	Coursework taken is in diploma or certificate programs only.
Move on	Students can begin their	HS Juniors and Seniors	HS and	Local	Yes	Students must take

When Ready	college career early and receive both a high school diploma and college credit.	who have attended a public school within the past year and were counted in both Full-Time Enrollment (FTE) counts. Students must be a Georgia resident.	College	System Funding		only college and/or virtual courses - none at High School.
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## Attend a High School/College Sponsored Program

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Dual Academic Credit	Courses in Math, Science, Language Arts, Foreign Language and Social Studies taken at a local college can allow a student to earn both college academic credit and high school credit.	HS students from HOPE eligible HS	HS and College	Student or Accel	Yes	Only selected courses in English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language may be taken.
Advanced Academy	This Academy is an early admission residential program at the University of West Georgia and is open to gifted, talented and motivated students.	Merit-based requirements set by College	HS and College	Varies	Yes	Residential
Gateway to College	Located exclusively on Georgia Perimeter College and Savannah Technical College campus. It identifies drop outs or high-risk students who have the potential to graduate to earn a diploma or dual enrollment credit in a college.	16 to 21 years old, who have dropped out of High School or are significantly behind in credits and unlikely to graduate.	HS and College	Local System Funding	No	Site specific through local agreements between local school systems and colleges.
Georgia Academy of Aviation, Mathematics, Engineering and Science (GAMES)	This Academy is an early admission residential program at Middle Georgia College and is open to gifted, talented, and motivated students.	Merit-based requirements set by College	HS and College	Varies	Yes	Residential
Early College	Early College targets students traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education: high poverty, minority, first-generation college goes, with a goal of completing one- to two-years of transferable college credit prior to graduating from high school.	Selected sites	HS and College (some HS only)	Accel	No	Available only at selected sites (currently 12 sites)
Georgia Career Academies	Courses taken at a Career Academy may result in both high school and technical college credit or may give the student a head start on the pursuit of a technical certificate or diploma.	Selected sites	HS and College (some HS only)	HOPE Grant	No	Available only at selected sites (currently 7 sites)



Watch this video to learn more about the early college program:

<http://video.google.com/googleplayer.swf?docId=62252862753191684&hl=en>