The New Move On When Ready Dual Enrollment Program

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2015 Legislation

**SB 132 – Move On When Ready (MOWR) Program**
- High school students may enroll in eligible participating postsecondary institutions while in 9th – 12th grades
- Earn dual credit
- Wide range of courses

**SB 2 – New High School Graduation Option**
- Students complete required 9th and 10th grade level high school courses (two English, two math, two science, two social studies, the associated End of Course (EOC) tests for each, and one health and PE)
- Complete an associate degree, technical diploma or two technical certificate programs in a career pathway
- Awarded a high school diploma and college credential
- Eight courses that require an End of Course Assessment must be completed before student participation in the SB2 graduation option.

*Both SB2 and SB132 are effective as of July 1, 2015*
Why the Changes?

- Too many different programs with different regulations/guidelines/funding sources/etc.
- Eliminate the confusion for counselors, parents, students, and administrators
- A need for equal funding for all dual students no matter what college course they were taking
- A need to simplify and speed up the payment process for students and colleges
- Too many different dual enrollment course listings
The New Move On When Ready (MOWR) Program

Program Goals:
- Simplify three programs into one program
- Expand dual enrollment opportunities for students
- Full time or part time attendance
- Expanded grade levels to include all 9th – 12th graders
MOWR School Participation Agreement

Must complete an annual participation agreement

- Georgia public or private eligible high schools
- Home study programs within the State of Georgia operated in accordance with O.C.G.A. 20-2-690(c)
- Eligible postsecondary institutions
- Participation Agreements (pdf) will be on the website and SURFER
  - Submit by July 1 (scan and email, fax or mail to GSFC)
- Students will not be allowed to participate in MOWR until the Participation Agreement is submitted to GSFC
Eligible High School Students

Eligible students include:

- All students attending public or private high schools in Georgia or a home study program operated in accordance with O.C.G.A. 20-2-690(c)
- Must be approved and classified as eligible by the high school
- 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades
- No residency or citizenship requirement
- Meet admissions requirements at postsecondary institution
- Must not have already received a high school diploma
Eligible High School Students

Criteria

• Sign an advisement form with high school or home study program
• May attend more than one postsecondary institution at a time and receive awards at both
• Meet satisfactory academic progress as defined and certified by the eligible Postsecondary Institution.
• Awards are for 3 semester per academic year
• No limit to how many terms a student may participate
• Will not count against the student’s HOPE cap
• Can be denied participation at any time for violation of secondary or postsecondary rules.
Eligible High Schools

- Eligible high schools include
  - Georgia public and private high schools
  - Home study programs within the State of Georgia operated in accordance with O.C.G.A. 20-2-690(c)

- Responsibilities
  - Must provide general MOWR information no later than February 1st of each year
  - Provide counseling to interested students and parents
  - Obtain written consent from parent
  - Must record on transcript credit earned
Shall

• Provide general Program information to each 8th grade public, private school and home study student developing their Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)

• Provide counseling guidelines for MOWR to public and private eligible high schools

• Develop all MOWR forms (with approval from GSFC)

• Annually specify the subject area requirements or elective courses necessary to update the MOWR course directory and provide updated information to GSFC by July 1.
Eligible Postsecondary Institution

- **Eligible Postsecondary Institutions include:**
  - A unit of the University System of Georgia;
  - A branch of the Technical College System of Georgia;
  - A SACS accredited, private postsecondary institution located in Georgia that is eligible to participate in the Tuition Equalization Grant Program.

- **Responsibilities include:**
  - Sign and abide by the Participation Agreement
  - Wave all tuition, mandatory fees and non-course related fees
  - Provide books to MOWR students
  - Upon student’s request, notify high school of grade(s) earned and provide one transcript free of charge at the end of each term
  - Invoice for MOWR Program payment from GSFA
  - Provide course listing no later than July 1
Course Work Under MOWR

- Students receive both secondary and postsecondary credit whether or not the course is taught during the regular high school day.
- Courses include Academic and CTAE courses.
- Courses can be taught on the high school or college campuses or Distance Learning.
- Students may select only the postsecondary credit hour courses listed in the MOWR Course Directory located on GAtarcs (Georgia Transfer Articulation Cooperative Services).
Eligible High School Courses

Curriculum of courses that could be used to satisfy graduation requirements and that are identified in the MOWR Dual Credit Enrollment Course Directory include:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Foreign Language
- Career, Technical and Agricultural courses
- Electives
Applying for MOWR

Beginning Fall 2015
• Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters
• Summer term courses will be offered in 2016 (FY 2017)
• Summer will be the header term for fiscal year

The MOWR Application
• Online version - eligible public and private high schools
• Paper version - eligible home study students

Application Process
• Student completes MOWR application and submits it to high school/home study
• Application must be completed each term
• A three part application (similar to Accel application)
  • Part A--Student/Parent completes
  • Part B--High School/Home Study completes
  • Part C--Postsecondary Institution completes
• Completes required post-secondary sexual assault awareness and prevention training under Title IX, 4 C.F.R.106 that will be provided at no cost to the student
MOWR Application Deadlines

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• All three parts of the application to be completed, signed and submitted to GSFC

• High Schools must report to the State Board of Education
  o Initial enrollment after October 1 but prior to November 17
  o Final enrollment after March 1 but prior to May 1
Transportation Grant

• Eligible public high schools may apply for and be awarded assistance to offset the cost of transporting a MOWR student to the postsecondary institution.

• Limited funding may be appropriated by the Georgia General Assembly each award year.

• A separate application for a MOWR Transportation Grant is required, and will be made available by GSFA.

• Application Process is currently being created.
MOWR Fees

Definitions of Fees:

• Mandatory Fees
  ○ Means Non-Course Related Fees charged by an Eligible Postsecondary Institution to all students regardless of program of study, enrolled courses, or admission status. For example, Mandatory Fees may include the following: instructional support and technology fees, application and registration fees, deposits, student activity fees, student accident insurance, health fees, athletic fees, and campus transportation fees.

  ○ The Postsecondary School cannot charge the student any additional Mandatory Fee Costs.
MOWR FEES

Course Related Fees or Supplies

• Means fees or supply items required for participation in a specific course and all students enrolled in the specific course are required to purchase or pay a fee for such items. These may include: lab fees, materials, supplies, tools, and equipment. Course Related Fees or Supplies do not include books.

• The eligible Postsecondary School can charge the student course related fees or supplies or require the student to have the required course related items.
MOWR Fees

Non-Course Related Fees:

- Means fees that are charged by an Eligible Postsecondary Institution to students regardless of enrollment status and are not charged to every student. Non-Course Related Fees do not include fees that are optional to a student such as parking fees, graduation fees, etc. If an Eligible Postsecondary Institution charges these to all students then the fees are considered mandatory. Room and board fees, charges or deposits; meal plans costs; and charges or fines incurred due to actions by the student such as: parking tickets, library fines, late fees or lost or damaged book charges are not included in Non-Course Related Fees.

- The Postsecondary School cannot charge the student any non-course related fees.
MOWR Fees

• Postsecondary institutions must accept the amount received from Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) as full payment of tuition, mandatory or non-course related fees and books.

• Postsecondary institutions must provide required course books. Books remain the property of the postsecondary institution.

• Students are responsible for course required fees or supplies and non-course related fees.
School Counselor Responsibilities

• Provide general Move On When Ready information by February 1 of each year
• Provide student advisement
• Record grades on student’s transcript for dual enrollment credits earned
• Assist students with meeting Move On When Ready Student Application deadlines
• Establish a contact plan for full-time students to ensure graduation requirements are met
GADOE Provided Documents

• MOWR FAQ’s for student advisement
• Move on When Ready Student Participation Sign-Off Form
• Parent Flyer
• Advisement/Enrollment Steps For Move on When ready Students
Move on When Ready Training – Summer 2015

Name of Student_________________________ Current Grade Level____________________

Name of Student’s School System_________________________

Student’s High School_________________________ Anticipated Date of Graduation____________________

2015-2016 Move On When Ready Student Participation Agreement

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Note: Copies of this completed form must be provided to the students, parents/guardians, and respective postsecondary institution(s).

Note: This completed form should not be forwarded to the Georgia Department of Education or the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

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(Please circle Yes, No, or NA)

Yes/No All Move On When Ready students will be responsible for all state-required courses and the state-required assessments associated with these courses taken through the MOWR program.

Yes/No The student’s Individual Graduation Plan has been updated to reflect the plan of study through the MOWR program.

Yes/No The student participant and his/her parents or guardians acknowledge that dropping any classes before the end of the semester/quarter or not following program rules and regulations may result in removal from the MOWR program, and may affect the student’s high school graduation requirements. MOWR program courses will become part of the student’s high school and college permanent transcript.

Yes/No The eligible MOWR students must inform the high school counselor, in writing, of any course changes during the semester/quarter.

Yes/No MOWR expectations and responsibilities have been shared by the school counselor and all student and parent/guardian questions/concerns have been addressed.

Yes/No The parent/guardian acknowledges that the U.S. Department of Education requires that all post-secondary institutions provide training on sexual assault awareness and prevention under Title IX, 4 C.F.R. § 106. This mandatory training information will be provided to all MOWR students by the post-secondary institution at no cost.

Yes/No /NA A student participating in the Alternate Graduation Option through MOWR must have completed all state-required coursework and any state-required assessments associated with these courses.
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**Home School Note:** Copies of this completed form must be provided by the student/parent/guardian to the respective postsecondary institution(s). Home school parents/guardians should maintain a copy of this completed document. This completed form should not be forwarded to the Georgia Department of Education or the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

**Private School Note:** Copies of this completed form must be provided to the student/parent/guardian, private school counselor, and respective postsecondary institution(s). This completed form should not be forwarded to the Georgia Department of Education or the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

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1. What is the Move On When Ready program?

Move On When Ready is Georgia’s new dual enrollment program that allows high school students (9th – 12th grade) to earn college credit while working on their high school diploma. Move On When Ready replaces ACE, HOPE Grant for dual enrollment and the previous Move On When Ready program. The new Move On When Ready program now covers tuition, mandatory fees and provides a book allowance.

2. Why was the new Move On When Ready program created?

The new Move On When Ready program is easier for students, parents and schools to understand – it is streamlined with one funding source and one set of eligibility requirements and regulations.

In addition, Move On When Ready aims to expand dual enrollment opportunities by increasing the number of courses students can take for college credit and removing financial barriers to student participation.

The goal of Move On When Ready is to increase college access and completion, and prepare students to enter the workforce with the skills they need to succeed.

3. What are the benefits for a student participating in the Move On When Ready dual enrollment program?

There are several benefits for students who participate in Move On When Ready.

- Introduces students to college-level coursework.
- Earning college credits while still in high school may enable students to graduate early and/or possibly even earn an associate degree or certificate.
- Helps students adjust to certain aspects of the college experience (e.g., classes, coursework, instruction, being on a college campus) so the transition from high school to college may be easier.
- Students who participate in a dual enrollment program are more likely to go to college and get a college degree.
- Students may be able to take classes that are not offered at their high school, especially in subject areas they are interested in for a potential career.
- Participating in a dual enrollment program demonstrates a student’s ability to handle more difficult coursework which is something college admissions officers may look upon favorably during admissions and recruiting.
- Taking college-level classes while still in high school may build confidence and encourage those students who may not be thinking about college to reconsider.
Move on When Ready - Dual Enrollment Making Education Count

In 2015, the Georgia General Assembly passed a law with the sole purpose of combining all dual-enrollment programs. As a result, Accel, Dual HOPE Grant, and the original Move on When Ready have been combined into one program entitled Move on When Ready, in which high school students may earn high school course credits while taking college courses. Georgia’s Move on When Ready dual-credit program is available to any Georgia student in grades 9-12 enrolled in a public school, private school, or home-study environment.

Under the new Move on When Ready dual-credit program: the tuition, mandatory fees, book fees, and non-course fees are waived. Students may be charged for course-related fees, supplies, or equipment. Student participation in Move on When Ready is available for up to four years, or even one semester, since the dual-credit program is a semester-by-semester program. Students may participate with multiple colleges during the semester/quarter not to exceed 15 semester/12 quarter hours.

College courses must be selected from the approved Move on When Ready Course List. The Move on When Ready dual-credit program will pay a maximum of 15 credit hours per semester per student.
**MOWR Review**

**The New Move On When Ready Program (SB132)**

- High school students may enroll in eligible participating postsecondary institutions while in 9th – 12th grades
- Earn dual credit
- May take any course - Academic and CTAE courses
  - or
- May enroll in a Program (Associate Degree, Diploma or Technical Certificate of Credit)

**New High School Graduation option (SB2)**

- Students complete 10th grade with the required courses (two English, two math, two science, two social studies; required EOC tests and one health and PE course)
- Complete an associate degree, technical diploma or two technical certificate programs in a career pathway
- Awarded a high school diploma and college credential
REFERENCES

- GSFC 2016 MOWR Award Chart:

- GSFC 2016 MOWR Regulations

- GSFC – GASFAA Presentations – May 2015
  - http://www.gasfaa.org/docs/toc_conferences.html

- GSFC 2016 Definitions for State Programs
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