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Subject: Move On When Ready (MOWR) Implementation and Instruction for Eligible High Schools

Dear Colleague:

The Move On When Ready Program (MOWR) provides tuition, mandatory fees and course books for eligible students who are enrolled in postsecondary courses and earning credit towards either high school graduation or home study completion requirements. Program regulations were released May 15, 2015 in DCL 2016-01 and are available on **GAcollege411.org**.

## **Participation Agreement**

Each eligible high school (public and private high schools organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia as defined by O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.3(a)(4) and home study programs operated pursuant to O.C.G.A. -2-690) that chooses to participate in MOWR must sign a MOWR High School/Home Study Program Participation Agreement. It is now available on **GAcollege411.org** and in STARS, under the Documents section. A copy is attached to this letter for your convenience.

Eligible postsecondary Institutions participating in MOWR must sign a MOWR Postsecondary Institution Program Participation Agreement. A Dear Colleague Letter is being sent to eligible postsecondary institutions at this time as well.

All MOWR High School/Home Study Program Participation Agreements should be submitted to GSFC by July 1, 2015. Until the applicable Participation Agreement is received the school or institution cannot process or approve MOWR applications for their students or applicants; therefore, please submit the agreement as soon as possible. You will be able to see a list of your pending student applications in STARS but you will not be able to access any student MOWR Applications until the applicable Participation Agreement is submitted to GSFC.

Participation Agreements must be signed by an authorized individual from your school and sent to GSFC by email, fax or mail.

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## **MOWR Application**

Please, be advised, students that recently completed an Accel application for Fall 2015 do not have to complete a MOWR application for Fall 2015. Those applications will be rolled over to MOWR for Fall 2015.

The MOWR website page and application will be available by Monday, June 15 on **GAcollege411.org**. Please note that the MOWR information will rollover when the new **GAfutures.org** website goes live.

## **Application Process**

- Eligible public and private high school students must complete the MOWR **online application**.
- Home study students must complete the MOWR paper application.
- The application must be completed by the student/parent (Part A), the high school or home study program (Part B) and the postsecondary institution (Part C) and submitted to GSFC no later than:

October 1 - Fall semester or quarter March 1 - Winter quarter or Spring semester or quarter May 15 - Summer semester or quarter

Applications received by GSFC after the deadline dates will not be funded.

## **MOWR Course Directory**

The new MOWR Course Directory will be located on **GAcollege411.org**. GAtracs (Georgia Transfer Articulation Cooperative Services) will be providing updates weekly. The new MOWR Course Directory will combine both the previous MOWR course listing and Accel Course Directory. Participating postsecondary institutions are to submit course requests through GAtracs. Georgia Department of Education must review and assign a high school code for each course to be approved for the new MOWR Course Directory.

Thank you for your cooperation as we implement these changes. If you have questions or concerns related to the MOWR Program, please email <a href="mailto:SAS@gsfc.org">SAS@gsfc.org</a> or contact Pennie Strong, Vice President of Student Aid Services, at 770.724.9014 or <a href="mailto:pennies@gsfc.org">pennies@gsfc.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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Attachment