

# What Is New In Move On When Ready?



# CHANGES THAT OCCURRED DURING 2017

- ▶ Only degree level MOWR core courses can receive the .5 weight and meet the academic rigor course categories of the HOPE/Zell Scholarship
- ▶ EOC testing changes became effective beginning with the Winter 2016 EOC administration that began Monday, November 28, 2016.
- ▶ EOC tests allowed exemption by MOWR-  
American Literature & Composition, Physical Science, US History, and Economics.

# MOWR EOC TESTING CHANGES DURING 2017

<b>Required of All Students</b>	<b>Allowed Exemption by MOWR</b>
Ninth Grade Literature & Composition	American Literature & Composition
Coordinate Algebra or Algebra I	Physical Science
Analytic Geometry* or Geometry*	US History
Biology	Economics

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# CLARIFICATIONS FROM 2017

- Institutions must provide textbooks required for courses taken through the MOWR Program at no cost to the student.
- If the course textbook and/or course homework delivery method is provided online or online materials are used in lieu of a physical textbook, the institution must provide the access code at no cost to the student.
- Any unused book allowance funds are to be retained by the Eligible Postsecondary Institution for overall MOWR book costs, and not refunded to individual students.
- Local systems should determine the class time, days and use their school year calendar for MOWR courses taught on their high school campus.

# NEW MOWR LEGISLATION PASSED

- ▶ SB 211—Prohibits local systems from excluding MOWR students from Valedictorian or Salutatorian determination. Became effective May, 2017.

Exception: This does not apply to a student who moves into a school system after their sophomore year and does not take any courses on site at the participating high school.

- ▶ SB 186--High school graduates that received a high school diploma by earning a technical diploma or two approved technical certificates (the alternative graduation option provided for in Senate Bill 2 in 2016) may qualify to receive the HOPE Grant for the first 30 semester hours of an associate degree at a Technical College System of Georgia institution.

# NEW 2018 CHANGES

- ▶ Health and PE classes became no longer available for MOWR students at TCSG's colleges beginning this Summer, 2017.
- ▶ Beginning Fall 2017, USG colleges will only allow fulltime MOWR students to enroll in PE classes. This restriction does not apply to Health courses at USG.
- ▶ Public and private schools are now required to upload annual electronic transcript data of all underclass high school students (9-11 grades) to the Georgia Student Finance (GSFC) calculations. <https://gsfc.georgia.gov/dear-colleague-letters-and-updates-fy-2015>

# NEW MOWR LENGTH OF ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Length of MOWR eligibility is four years and calculated based on the *9th Grade Start Date* and concludes at the end of the spring term of the 12th grade or graduation, whichever occurs first. Regulation Section 1605.
  - a. For the purposes of calculating length of MOWR eligibility, a student's 12th grade year concludes at the end of the spring term after four years of the student's high school enrollment which begins in the fall of their 9th grade.
- ▶ High Schools shall maintain accurate records, books, documents and other evidence concerning the MOWR Program, including, but not limited to, individual student files for at least three years after the academic or Award year the student participated.

# EXCEPTIONS TO FOUR YEAR LIMIT

- Currently an extension of length of eligibility is only available for students:
  - Documented IEP or 504 Plan with an extended enrollment in high school
  - Begin pursuing an SB2 Alternative Graduation Option on or before beginning the 11th grade and need an extended enrollment in high school to complete under SB2
- Student must submit a MOWR Eligibility Extension Request form to GSFC for approval
  - Form was to be available on GAfutures and STARS in the MOWR section by July 1, however it has not appeared yet
  - Must be validated by high school official (case manager or counselor)
  - Submit form to [sas@gsfc.org](mailto:sas@gsfc.org)
- GSFC retains the right to limit or deny participation in the event of inappropriate extended enrollment or program use.



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