



MOWR

Move On When Ready

Dual-Credit Program for Georgia's High School Students



What is Move On When Ready?

- MOWR allows high school students to earn college credit while working on their high school diplomas.
 - 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.
 - It is a way to earn **FREE** college tuition.
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Who can participate in MOWR?

- ▶ Students may enter the technical colleges as early as 9th grade.
 - ▶ Most four-year colleges and universities admit students beginning in 11th and 12th grades.
 - ▶ Students in any grade earn college credit while working on a high school diploma.
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Why should your student participate in MOWR?

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

- It introduces students to college-level coursework.
- Students who earn college credits while still in high school may graduate college early and/or may even earn an associate degree, diploma or certificate while in high school.
- It helps students adjust to certain aspects of the college experience (e.g., classes, coursework, and instruction, being on a college campus) so the transition from high school to college may be easier.



Why should your student participate in MOWR?

- ▶ Students who participate are more likely to go to college and get a college degree.
- ▶ Participation demonstrates a student's ability to handle more difficult coursework. 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.



How much does it cost to take college courses through MOWR?

- ▶ Can you afford to participate?
 - ▶ Cost of tuition for classes: **FREE!**
 - ▶ Cost for mandatory fees: **FREE!**
 - ▶ Cost of college text books: **FREE!**
 - ▶ There are some program specific fees your family would have to pay, but...
- ▶ Again, can you afford to participate?



Where can students take college classes?

Public Colleges and Universities

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, **Albany State University**, Armstrong State University, **Atlanta Metropolitan State College**, Augusta University, **Bainbridge State College**, Clayton State University, **College of Coastal Georgia**, Columbus State University, **Dalton State College**, Darton State College, **East Georgia State College**, Fort Valley State University, **Georgia College & State University**, Georgia Gwinnett College, **Georgia Highlands College**, Georgia Institute of Technology, **Georgia Southern University**, Georgia Southwestern State University, **Georgia State University**, Gordon State College, **Kennesaw State University**, Middle Georgia State College, **Savannah State University**, South Georgia State College, **University of Georgia**, University of North Georgia, **University of West Georgia**, Valdosta State University



Private Colleges and Universities



Andrew College, **Berry College**, Brenau University, **Brewton-Parker College**, DeVry University, **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**, Emmanuel College, **Georgia Military College**, Herzing University, **Mercer University**, Oglethorpe University, **Paine College**, Piedmont College, **Point University**, Reinhardt University, **Shorter University**, Thomas University, **Toccoa Falls College**, Truett-McConnell College, **Wesleyan College**, Young Harris College



Technical College System of Georgia

Albany Technical College, **Athens Technical College**, Atlanta Technical College, **Augusta Technical College**, Central Georgia Technical College, **Chattahoochee Technical College**, Coastal Pines Technical College, **Columbus Technical College**, Georgia Northwestern Technical College, **Georgia Piedmont Technical College**, Gwinnett Technical College, **Lanier Technical College**, North Georgia Technical College, **Oconee Fall Line Technical College**, Ogeechee Technical College, **Savannah Technical College**, South Georgia Technical College, **Southeastern Technical College**, Southern Crescent Technical College, **Southern Regional Technical College**, West Georgia Technical College, **Wiregrass Georgia Technical College**



Did you know there is a college in town,
and that it's just across the parking lot from
Sims Academy of Innovation and
Technology?





What does Lanier Tech in Barrow County have to offer?

- ▶ 28 academic courses that transfer to colleges within the University System of Georgia
- ▶ **Accounting**
- ▶ Allied Health (Nurse Aide, Medical Assisting and others)
- ▶ **Automotive Technology**
- ▶ Building Automation Systems
- ▶ **Business Administrative Technologies**
- ▶ Business Management
- ▶ **Criminal Justice**
- ▶ Culinary Arts
- ▶ **Early Childhood Education**
- ▶ Emergency Management
- ▶ **General Studies**
- ▶ Mechatronics Technologies
- ▶ **Welding**
- ▶ Wireless Engineering Technology



STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- ▶ Student must abide by the rules of the high school and the college. A student can be denied participation at any time in the MOWR Program for violations of rules.
- ▶ Students need to be self-motivated, mature, responsible and good managers of time.
- ▶ Students must have their own transportation to attend the college of choice.
- ▶ Students must be on time for class, stay until the end of class, and attend every day.
- ▶ Students are responsible for information in the syllabus such as due dates and assignments.
- ▶ Students are expected to complete the course. Any other choice has the potential to prevent them from graduating on time.
- ▶ Students need to ask for help if they are struggling. Ask the instructor, seek a tutor, talk with the high school counselor.



What happens in college **DOES NOT** stay in college

- ▶ The grade earned in the college course is recorded on the high school transcript and WILL affect a student's grade point average.
- ▶ Courses must be completed. Dropping a course may result in lost credit or receiving a failing grade in the high school and postsecondary program. It can also impact high school graduation.
- ▶ Not following program rules and regulations may result in lost credit or receiving a failing grade in the high school and postsecondary program. It can also impact high school graduation.
- ▶ Students will be charged a lost or damaged book fee if not it's returned in the required condition. Failure to turn in books or equipment will result in a hold on the transcript which prevents grades being shared with the high school or with future colleges.



Things to know

- ▶ Students may only take approved courses. Visit [GAFutures MOWR](#) to review the [MOWR Course Directory](#).
 - ▶ Courses may include degree level or non-degree level courses in the five main academic areas (English, math, science, social studies and foreign language).
 - ▶ Courses may include electives, career, technical, and agricultural offerings.
 - ▶ Courses must be approved by the high school and the college.
- ▶ Students may enroll part-time or full-time.
- ▶ Students can take one course, multiple courses, or enough to earn a certificate, diploma or degree.
- ▶ Students may participate for three semesters per year while enrolled in high school.
- ▶ The high school counselor will advise students on options and must approve courses.



More things to know

- ▶ **IT'S TRUE!** Core academic courses taken at the technical college will transfer to colleges in the University System of Georgia.
- ▶ Move On When Ready students can enroll in online courses at some colleges if the course is on the approved course list. Students should **carefully** consider whether an online course is a good fit for them before enrolling.
- ▶ Students participating in Move On When Ready are required to take all appropriate End of Course exams.
- ▶ Summer courses are available until the student graduates from high school.



Still more things to know

- ▶ Courses must be completed during the semester.
- ▶ Students can take a maximum of 15 semester hours or 12 quarter hours.
- ▶ Students can participate in high school competitive and other extra-curricular events.
- ▶ Courses do not count against maximum caps for HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships and grants.
- ▶ Students are treated as adults which limits parent access to information.



Transportation



- ▶ Transportation is the responsibility of the family. Consider this when deciding to participate in MOWR.
- ▶ Lack of transportation does not excuse an absence from class. Class attendance will impact the course grade.
- ▶ Barrow County School System does not provide transportation for MOWR though some limited use of the Sims Academy shuttle may be available in certain circumstances.



School Breaks

- ▶ Colleges have a different break schedule than BCSS. This includes beginning and end dates and large breaks such as fall break, Thanksgiving week, winter break, and spring break.
- ▶ Students cannot miss college classes for vacations or school breaks. They are absent and will miss work, exams, etc., which likely cannot be made up.



Where is my student when the college class is not meeting?

- ▶ College classes often do not meet every day or at times high school is in session. Please have a plan for where your student will be when their college classes are not meeting. **They cannot be at the high school unless they are seated in a high school class in which they are enrolled.**
- ▶ **Students may not be on the high school campus when they are not attending a high school class.** If a student has a college class that meets on Monday and Wednesday, he/she is not allowed on the high school campus during that time on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.
- ▶ Students who violate these rules are subject to dismissal from the program.



What if my child struggles during college?

- ▶ BCSS will not likely know if this is the case. It is the student's responsibility to seek guidance if they are having difficulties with course materials or adjusting to college. They should notify parents, the college MOWR coordinator, or high school counselors.
- ▶ Students can give parents access to grades online.
- ▶ Some suggestions:
 - ▶ The student can meet with the instructor for guidance and help.
 - ▶ Tutors are available at the college.
 - ▶ BCSS maintains a tutor list. (These are persons for hire.)
 - ▶ **Get help early rather than later.**
- ▶ Withdrawal is NEVER be an option.
 - ▶ Students must be enrolled full-time.
 - ▶ Withdrawal impacts grades, graduation from high school, and GPA.



Application Procedures

- ▶ To participate in Move On When Ready, students sign a student participation form with their high school, meet the admissions requirements at the post-secondary institution of their choice, and make satisfactory academic progress.
- ▶ Parents are **required** to attend a parent meeting.
- ▶ The high school counselor must approve the chosen course(s).
- ▶ To get started, BCSS students must see the Career Center Coordinator at their high school for more information, necessary documents, and instructions for next steps.
 - ▶ **Apalachee High School**, Ms. Allison Sharpe in the Attendance Office
 - ▶ **Winder-Barrow High School**, Ms. Liz Long in the Career Center



Where can I find more information?

- ▶ A MOWR page can be found on the college websites.
- ▶ A [MOWR page](#) is found on the parent tab on the BCSS website.
- ▶ MOWR information is found on the parent tab on each high school website.
- ▶ Career Center Coordinators are the first point of contact.
 - ▶ Apalachee High School, Ms. Allison Sharpe in the Attendance Office
 - ▶ Winder-Barrow High School, Ms. Liz Long in the Career Center
- ▶ High school counselors are another source of support and are involved throughout the application process.



Questions?

Contact your Career Center Coordinator

Apalachee High School

Ms. Allison Sharpe in the Attendance Office, 770-586-5111

Winder-Barrow High School

Ms. Liz Long in the Career Center, 770-867-4527

Barrow County School System

Ms. Sherri Perry, CTAE Specialist, 678-219-3303