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The New Move On When Ready Dual Enrollment Program

Governor Nathan Deal recently signed SB 132 and SB 2 into law. Both pieces of legislation change dual enrollment options in Georgia. Athens Technical College is excited to provide a great experience for high school students. Several answers to potential questions are included in this document. Please contact Tracie McGhee, High School Coordinator, at tmcghee@athenstech.edu or (706) 425-3060 with additional questions.

For Students:

Who is eligible to participate?

Eligible students must:

1. Attend one of the following:
 - Georgia public high school
 - Georgia private high school
 - Home study programs in Georgia (operated in accordance with O.C.G.A. 20-2-690(c))
2. Are in grades:
 - 9th
 - 10th
 - 11th
 - 12th
3. Sign a recommendation form with high school
4. Meet Athens Technical College's admissions requirements

What types of classes may I take?

The list of available classes has increased. At ATC, students may take academic core and career-related (occupational) classes at the same time. Keep in mind that some classes require specific placement test scores.

- Academic Core
 - Examples: Mathematics, English composition and rhetoric, psychology, biology, etc.
- Occupational Classes
 - Examples: Air conditioning technology, business, cosmetology, culinary arts, healthcare, welding, etc.

Do I receive high school and college credit for each class?

Yes, students earn both college and high school credit after successfully passing a course at ATC.

How many classes may I take?

Students may take up to 15 credit hours – usually five classes – per semester. High schools must approve the number of classes for each student. Usually, most students take one to two classes their first semester.

May I attend during the summer semester?

Beginning in May 2016, high school students can take classes during the summer under MOWR.

What term is the Move On When Ready program available?

Students may participate in MOWR for all terms.

- Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters

What are the deadlines?

The MOWR program does have specific application deadlines. High schools and postsecondary institutions may set institutional deadlines for participation. Check with your high school and Athens Technical College for deadlines each term.

Are online classes available to students participating in Move On When Ready?

Yes. MOWR students can enroll in online courses 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.

Can I still participate in extracurricular activities at my high school?

Students participating in the MOWR program are eligible to participate in competitive and other extracurricular activities. This is allowable as long as their schedule can accommodate practices, games, etc. without interfering with their completion of ATC course requirements. ATC is not required to accommodate students so they can participate in these activities. Students need to remember conflicts could occur which could prevent them from participating.

How do I get started?

Students should contact their high school counselor *first*. All classes must be approved by the high school. *Then* contact Tracie McGhee, High School Coordinator, at Athens Technical College. She can be reached at tmcghee@athenstech.edu or (706) 425-3060.

For Parents:**How much does it cost for my student to participate?**

Most MOWR participants will pay little to no money at ATC. Several items are fully covered by MOWR:

- Tuition
- Mandatory fees (such as parking, registration, and activity fees)
- Books

Some costs should be considered depending on the type and location of your student's class.

- Course related fees (such as tools and equipment)
- Transportation
- Course supplies

Can students keep their textbooks from ATC?

Students are provided textbooks free of charge. They must, however, return the books undamaged to the ATC library at the end of the semester.

Do classes count against HOPE credit hour cap?

No. MOWR classes will not consume future HOPE program hours. In fact, several ATC students graduated high school with over 30 credit hours of college credit – a traditional freshmen year worth of classes – without losing future HOPE program funds.

Will participation impact my student's high school academic record?

Both passing and failing grades count toward a high school student's academic record. Selecting appropriate classes should be done with care. Your high school counselor and ATC's high school coordinator will assist in the registration process.

For High Schools:**Is this program identical to the old MOWR?**

No. The new MOWR program combines elements of the former Accel, HOPE Grant dual enrollment, and MOWR programs. Students are not required to attend ATC full time. Positively, students now have the ability to take academic core and occupational classes under a single program without multiple application processes.

Do high schools keep the FTE?

Yes. Unlike the old MOWR, high schools keep all FTE's – similar to the former Accel and HOPE Grant dual enrollment programs.

What is happening to the Accel course directory and HOPE Grant matrix?

This matrix is now called the MOWR course directory found on the MOWR page on the GAFutures.org website. The good news is that the list of approved college courses has been expanded greatly.

What is the new MOWR Application process?

Students will still complete ATC's admission application process. In addition, the new MOWR funding application will be submitted electronically or by paper (home study students). The new funding application is similar to the former Accel application and is available now on the GAFutures.org website. The application must be submitted by the deadline for each semester in order for MOWR to pay for courses, mandatory fees, and books.