

# Georgia Department of Education

## *Move On When Ready*

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What is "Move on When Ready"?*

House Bill 149 (Move on When Ready) is an arrangement whereby an eligible student entering eleventh or twelfth grade who spent the prior school year in attendance at a public high school in Georgia may take all of his or her courses at or through an eligible institution (college, university or public technical college) or a **on-line** course approved by the State Board of Education and receive secondary credit from his or her high school with the goal of completing graduation and high school diploma requirements.

2. *How is Move on When Ready different from other dual enrollment programs?*

Move on When Ready students take all their coursework at or through the college, not the high school. Move on When Ready is the only dual enrollment program that uses FTE funding to pay for the student's college coursework. Coursework taken through Move on When Ready does not count against HOPE scholarship hours.

3. *Who is eligible for Move on When Ready?*

To be eligible for participation in Move on When Ready, a student must:

- a. Be a high school junior or senior seeking a high school diploma from an eligible Georgia high school,
- b. Be reported as enrolled in a public school for funding purposes during the preceding October and March full-time equivalent (FTE) program counts,
- c. Be enrolled full time in an eligible college or university or public technical college as a dual credit student taking approved college-level courses,
- d. Be a legal resident of Georgia, and
- e. Maintain satisfactory academic progress towards fulfilling applicable high school graduation requirements.
- f. Meet all college admission and registration requirements.

4. *How do students enroll in Move on When Ready?*

Eligible students **must** work with their high school and college counselors to select the appropriate coursework that can be used to meet both secondary and postsecondary program requirements.

5. *How do students maintain eligibility in Move on When Ready?*

A student must be enrolled in an eligible institution for the entire school year as a full time student. A full-time student is defined as one that has enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours or the **15** quarter hours required by the eligible institution. If a student **falls below full-time status**, for any reason, the student would become ineligible for Move On When Ready. **#13 of FAQ can be contradictory because it implies that a student can fail a class and still participate in MOWR. However, if a student fails a class and is no longer a full-time student, then they cannot participate in MOWR. Also, if a student fails multiple classes, the postsecondary institution may place the student on academic probation or discharge the student from the college.**

6. *Who pays for the Move on When Ready student's coursework?*

Under HB149, dual enrollment funding for Move on When Ready students is provided through FTE, as arranged by the Georgia Department of Education.

7. *How is the payment handled?*

The eligible institution where the student is enrolled will request payment from the Georgia Department of Education three times a year if on the quarter system and twice a year if on the semester system. For each Move on When Ready student, the local school district will receive an ensuing reduction in the total allotment of state FTE funds from the Georgia Department of Education.

8. *Are books and materials included in the payment?*

Depending on tuition and course selection, FTE funding may not be adequate to cover books and other materials. The student/parents/guardians would be responsible for any remaining expenses for books and materials. **As addressed under the MOWR guidelines, this statement is contradictory because #11 states that the student/parents/guardians are responsible for any book and material expenses. The statement in # 11 and in # 8 on this document needs to be consistent. The student/guardian/parents need to know that the remaining materials and books WILL be their responsibility after the FTE monies have been exhausted on their behalf.**

9. *Do high schools lose money due to Move on When Ready students?*

**Yes.** Out of the FTE allotment the local school system retains a records fee of \$200.00 per year per Move on When Ready student for administration costs.

10. *What courses can Move on When Ready students take?*

Move on When Ready students can select core, fine arts and elective courses from approved state course lists, including the Accel and Hope Grant Lists and the GaDOE List of State-Funded K-8 Subjects and 9-12 Courses. Courses must count toward high school graduation requirements. Students must meet the local school system's graduation unit requirements. **It is essential that we receive a comprehensive list of courses available to students under MOWR.**

11. *What happens if a student withdraws/drops out of any their course(s) during the semester/quarter?*

If their hours fell below the required minimum number to be considered fulltime then the student would have to return to the high school in the local school system since MOWR students must be enrolled fulltime. **As with all dual enrollment programs, the local school district is responsible for developing policies that provide for the assignment of high school classes to students who do not participate in the program after they have enrolled. (Problem, under MOWR, the high school student will follow the college calendar. Therefore, the student/parent/guardian need to know that once the student enrolls and is accepted at the postsecondary institution, it is necessary to attend and successfully pass courses or they will lose an entire semester of high school and will not graduate high school on-time).** FTE payments may also be affected. No payment will be made to the college or university if the student meets the college or university's withdrawal/drop date. If the students drop out after the withdrawal date, then the college would receive the funding.

12. What happens if a student drops out of Move On When Ready after the completion of a semester or quarter during the school year? The student must return to their local high school as a full time student. Students may lose credit and get off-track for graduation if they drop out of MOWR. The college will receive reimbursement only for the semester/quarter completed by the Move On When Ready student.
13. Can a student continue in Move On When Ready if they fail any courses? A decision would have to be made by the parents of the student and the high school counselors to determine whether the student could continue and be successful and still be able to meet graduation requirements. **This statement is contradictory to # 5 (FAQ). If a student has to maintain full-time enrollment status, failing a class can make them ineligible to participate if they are not taking courses above the minimum full-time enrollment status. Also, if the student will be advised, it is necessary to include the college counselor in the advisement process. The statement may read "If a student does not pass a minimum of 12 semester or 15 quarter hours, they are not eligible to participate in MOWR. Also, if a student does fail a course, the student, parent, high school and college counselor will advise the student on all options to determine future success in the MOWR program.**
14. *Will students receive credit for coursework taken through Move on When Ready?*  
Students who successfully complete coursework taken under Move on When Ready will receive both secondary and postsecondary credit documented on the student's transcript as follows:  
1 to 2 semester hours will earn one-half unit while 3 to 5 semester hours will earn one full unit.  
Postsecondary quarter hour credit shall be converted to high school unit credit as follows: 1 to 3 quarter hour credits will equal one-half unit and 4 to 8 quarter hour credits will equal one full unit.  
**Please provide example from TCSG and USG. Students will understand better how college credits work. Note: The example may read that the student will receive 5 quarter hour credits for an English 1101 at the Technical College and 1 full unit of credit for English III at the high school.**
15. *Can students transfer to another USG-(should read "Postsecondary") (institution during an academic term?*  
Students cannot transfer to another **USG (should read "Postsecondary")** institution during an academic term.
16. *Will college credits from one institution transfer to another postsecondary institution?*  
College credits earned while in the MOWR program are transferable. **The receiving postsecondary institution will determine what courses are eligible for transfer credit.** Students should be advised to consider the requirements of their post-high school institution when planning dual enrollment coursework.
17. *What is the benefit of MOWR participation?*  
Participation in MOWR eases the transition from high school to college, provides students an early start on their college careers, **allows high school students to earn college credit and high school credit simultaneously** and offers meaningful and challenging academic experiences to qualified students, including those who might not otherwise have access to early college opportunities. Students will have more flexible scheduling opportunities because courses can be taken anytime and on line.

18. Can payment still be made for a student at the end of the semester that was miscoded and not identified as MOWR?  
Yes, payment is being planned to be made early in the semester/quarter so these students should be identified and this situation should be avoided.
19. Can students still participate in high school extracurricular activities and sports?  
Students participating in the Move on When Ready Program are eligible to participate in competitive interscholastic activities in grades 9-12, following the provisions of State Board Rule 160-5-1-18.
20. What colleges and universities are considered eligible institutions?  
All USG and Technical Colleges in the state of Georgia qualify as eligible institutions.

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