

# What is the Move On When Ready (MOWR) Act?

Move On When Ready Act (MOWR), House Bill 149, was signed into law April 2009 as a dual enrollment opportunity for students to attend a postsecondary institution full-time during their junior and/or senior year of high school.

Students that participate in MOWR will receive high school credit and college credit simultaneously while attending college classes on the college campus, full-time. Approved college on-line courses may also be taken that meet high school graduation requirements.

### How does Move On When Ready help students?

MOWR provides high school students the opportunity to “jump start” postsecondary education during the high school years. Once a student meets the admission requirements and is accepted to a technical college, 2-year college, or 4-year university, the high school student will be free to “move on” earlier to the next educational level.

The opportunities within the MOWR legislation provide students an educational alternative other than the traditional high school setting or school day structure. The Move On When Ready Act also provides students an option to earn postsecondary credit before graduating high school. Students who earn postsecondary credit while in high school, according to recent research, are more likely to graduate from college or university.

### What does Move On When Ready cost?

Students can save money on future college costs because most expenses are paid by a funding mechanism established by the legislation. MOWR covers students to enroll full-time (12 semester hours) in postsecondary institutions to earn high school and college credits simultaneously.

### How can students participate in Move On When Ready?

Interested students need to meet with their high school counselor and parents to discuss the guidelines and responsibilities of the MOWR program. Students are eligible to participate in Move on When Ready if they are entering 11th or 12th grade, as determined by the local system, and have spent the prior school year in attendance at a public high school in Georgia. Before students become MOWR candidates, they must meet the admission requirements of the selected college/university. Once accepted, students will need to complete the application form, meet the dual enrollment/MOWR requirements as set by the eligible institution in addition to the GaDOE guidelines, and select approved courses to take at the college level that meet the high school graduation requirements.

### What Else Do You Need To Know?

Tuition, materials, fees and possibly books are paid through MOWR funding. Food, transportation, and other costs are the responsibility of the student. Students participating in Move on When Ready are not eligible for any other state student financial aid at an eligible institution for courses taken under the program. They can receive additional institutional aid or local scholarships from the local postsecondary institution they are attending. Move on When Ready course hours do not count against any maximum hourly caps for HOPE scholarships or grants. Students may live on campus or commute and the student is responsible for expenses related to these living costs. Students entering grade nine for the first time during the 2011-2012 school year and beyond, will need to pass the Georgia High School Writing Test and take Georgia public high school End of Course Tests, which contributes to 20% of the course grade.



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