

The Board of Education is committed to offering the citizens of this community quality educational programs at the elementary and secondary levels, and to the extent possible at the post-secondary level. In keeping with that purpose, the Board endorses and participates in the post-secondary options, joint enrollment and advance placement programs made available by the Georgia Board of Education, public colleges, universities, and technical institutes, and directs the Superintendent to develop procedures for implementation of those programs.

Students enrolled in the Pickens County School System's high school who are at least 16 year of age or who are classified as juniors or seniors, and are eligible for enrollment in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-150, may take either part-time or full-time approved courses in Georgia's public colleges, universities, or technical institutes to which they have been admitted. Such students shall receive post-secondary credit hours and high school Carnegie unit credit for work successfully completed up to the amount normally required to complete the high school diploma program from the time of initial participation in the program, based upon the ratio of 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours equaling six Carnegie units, or one Carnegie unit for each 7.5 hours successfully completed by the students.

Credits earned through approved advanced placement examinations and approved joint enrollment in eligible post-secondary institutions shall be accepted toward high school graduation requirements, and may be used to satisfy the requirements for eligibility in competitive activities as prescribed in Georgia Board of Education Rule IDE(1), 160-5-1-.18. Students must meet state assessment requirements as provided in Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-3-1-.07.

For purposes of secondary student records and calculating student grade point average, student grades assigned for courses completed through joint enrollment in eligible post-secondary institutions shall be correlated grade for grade by the high school in which the student is enrolled. The School System shall add .25 to the grade point average for each approved course completed by Advance Placement Examination.

The Superintendent shall:

- A. Develop procedures to facilitate joint enrollment and advanced placement programs, including procedures for processing applications, admissions, grade reports, and communicating other required information; and prepare for Board approval any required written agreements with appropriate public post-secondary institutions for joint enrollment of students;
- B. Develop and implement procedures for scheduling approved courses between the high school and the eligible post-secondary institution(s);
- C. Develop procedures for enrollment of eligible students in post-secondary institutions;

- D. Develop procedures for ensuring appropriate transcription of the student's grades earned at the post-secondary institution and their proper inclusion in calculating secondary cumulative grade point average;
- E. Ensure that student counseling and other support services are adequate and accessible, and that appropriate procedures are followed to ensure and document that students, parents or guardians have received sufficient counseling services and understand their responsibilities and possible consequences of participation in the program;
- F. Be responsible for assigning high school classes to or otherwise accommodating those students who do not participate, fail, or leave before completing that program;
- G. Ensure that by April 1 of each school year, general information about post-secondary education opportunities is made available to all students who will be eligible at the beginning of the next school quarter/semester or school year; and
- H. Certify to the Georgia Department of Education that number of students taking the Advanced Placement Examinations, total fees charged and such additional information as the Department requires regarding Advanced Placement Examinations.

High school students attending post-secondary institutions are subject to the rules of both the post-secondary institutions and the Pickens High School.