

## HOPE GPA Calculation and Eligibility for Scholarship – 2009 Update

|  | HS Graduates Eligible Prior to 2007  | HS Graduates beginning College after May 1, 2007 <sup>1</sup>  | Students beginning HS 2008-2009 <sup>2</sup> and Beyond  |
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| <b>High School Reports to GSFC</b>   | Student GPAs Only  | A Complete Transcript with Course History  | A Complete Transcript with Course History  |
| <b>HOPE Grade Eligibility Determined by</b>  | Local High School  | Georgia Student Finance Commission   | Georgia Student Finance Commission   |
| <b>Nominal Standard for Eligibility</b><br>College Preparatory<br>Career Preparatory<br>One Diploma Type   | 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 80 on a numerical scale<br>3.2 on a 4.0 scale or 85 on a numerical scale   | 3.0 on a true 4.0 scale – no numerical standard<br>3.2 on a true 4.0 scale – no numerical standard                                     | 3.0 on a true 4.0 scale – no numerical standard  |
| <b>Academic Credits Counted</b><br>English<br>Mathematics<br>Science<br>Social Studies<br>Foreign Language | 4 Highest Graded Credits<br>4 Highest Graded Credits<br>3 Highest Graded Credits<br>3 Highest Graded Credits<br>2 Highest Graded Credits | All Credits Attempted<br>All Credits Attempted<br>All Credits Attempted<br>All Credits Attempted<br>All Credits Attempted <sup>3</sup> | All Credits Attempted<br>All Credits Attempted<br>All Credits Attempted<br>All Credits Attempted<br>All Credits Attempted <sup>4</sup> |
| <b>Courses Weighted in GPA Calculation</b>   | Any may be weighted (Local Discretion)   | AP and International Baccalaureate coursework only   | AP and International Baccalaureate coursework only   |
| <b>Weighting Done by</b>   | Local High School or School System   | Georgia Student Finance Commission   | Georgia Student Finance Commission   |
| <b>Value of Weights</b>  | Locally Determined   | Uniform across the State   | Uniform across the State   |

The statute governing this process, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-157 (2009), may be viewed at [http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2009\\_10/fulltext/hb313.htm](http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2009_10/fulltext/hb313.htm).

<sup>1</sup> Applies to all Georgia high school graduates who begin their College careers on or after May 1, 2007, regardless of previous eligibility determination. Those enrolled and attending an eligible college prior to May 1, 2007 are subject to the previous eligibility standard.

<sup>2</sup> Applies to all Georgia high school graduates who begin their High School careers during or after the 2008-2009 school year.

<sup>3</sup> College Preparatory diploma only.

<sup>4</sup> Foreign Language credits are not required for graduation with the one diploma type, but will be used in the calculation for HOPE scholarship eligibility.