

# RESOURCE GUIDE & STUDENT HANDBOOK



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## INTRODUCTION

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is the 181st school system in the state of Georgia. Georgia Preparatory Academy (GPA) is the school located within the DJJ school system. There are 30 Georgia Preparatory Academy schools across the state of Georgia. Georgia Preparatory Academy is accredited through AdvancED. All teachers, principals and school counselors hold certificates from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

Students are able to earn Carnegie units for high school courses completed. These credits can transfer back to the student's home school. If a high school student is enrolled in a GPA school long enough to complete all credit requirements, he or she can earn a high school diploma.

An Adult Education Program, Pathway to Success, is offered in DJJ schools where students can take GED classes and earn a GED while enrolled in a DJJ school. Once students have earned a high school diploma from GPA or a GED diploma from the Pathway to Success Program, they are enrolled in the Connections Graduate Program (CGP).

## WELCOME

On behalf of the Education staff, welcome. To help you understand how the Department of Juvenile Justice School System operates, we have provided this handbook. It will familiarize you with this school system and with information about programs, activities, rules, regulations and your rights here. We hope you will use your time here to make positive changes as you grow and prepare for the rest of your life.

## OUR MISSION

The Department of Juvenile Justice School System is committed to providing an education that empowers life-long learners to reach their potential and become college and career ready.

## OUR VISION

DJJ will lead the nation in preparing young people in its care to develop and sustain productive lives.

## Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Department of Juvenile Justice School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, genetic information, or sexual orientation in its programs, activities, or employment practices pursuant to The Department of Juvenile Justice policy 3.20 (Non-discrimination in the Workplace), Title IV and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Title I and II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Amendments Act of 2008.

# ABOUT US



# PROGRAMS

While you are with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), you will be a student at Georgia Preparatory Academy (GPA) or Pathway to Success (GED). DJJ is an accredited school district. You will go to school each day and your credits will count.

You will have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma or a GED diploma. If you have completed your high school or GED diploma, you will be enrolled in the Connections Graduate Program (CGP).

When you arrive, your records are requested from your previous home school, placements, and facilities. The education staff matches your schedule as closely as possible to what you were already taking. If you were in a GED program and that can be documented, you will be placed in the Pathway to Success Program (GED Program). If you are classified as an exceptional student and you have an Individual Education Program (IEP), that plan will be followed and updated throughout your time at GPA, if you continue to meet the criteria.

Just like any other high school in Georgia, progressing through the grade levels at GPA depends on how many credits you have earned. You should always know where you are in your educational program. All credits you have earned before you transferred to GPA will be applied toward your graduation requirements. Additionally, all credits will transfer with you to your school in the community once you are withdrawn or released.

Department of Juvenile Justice School System includes:

- 1** **GEORGIA PREPARATORY ACADEMY**
  - Middle School & High School
- 2** **PATHWAY TO SUCCESS**
  - Adult Education Program (GED)
- 3** **CONNECTIONS GRADUATE PROGRAM**
  - Re-entry & work skills development

# ADMISSION

## ABOUT

Georgia Preparatory Academy (GPA) is the middle school and high school within the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) school system. There are 30 campuses across Georgia located in Regional Youth Detention Centers (RYDCs), Youth Development Campuses (YDCs), and Education Transition Centers (ETCs). Teachers, professional school counselors, principals and administrators employed by GPA all hold certificates from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

GPA enrolls students from all 159 counties and all school districts across Georgia, depending on the student's previous academic placement. Students attend school Monday through Friday for six periods daily. Instruction occurs in a standards-based classroom using the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) curriculum. In addition to the traditional teacher-led classroom, GPA students have access to an online curriculum called Odysseyware. Depending on student need, Odysseyware is an additional resource which offers students an expanded curriculum and course options.

Students enter and exit GPA schools daily. Each local GPA campus works to ensure a continuum of services for each student enrolled so that they will experience a smooth transition back to their home school. Special education services are provided for students with disabilities including psychological testing, eligibility meetings, and the Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings. Students have access to professional school counselors, academic advisement and career guidance. Students take the Georgia Milestones exams and are able to take Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses.

Students in the Augusta, Columbus, Macon and Savannah areas who have left DJJ placement and cannot return to their home school may be referred to and placed in GPA at a local ETC. The ETCs use Odysseyware as the primary curriculum delivery model. They also offer Adult Education/GED classes and testing. A certified lead teacher is on staff at each ETC.

# GPA



## CURRICULUM

All courses in Georgia Preparatory Academy (GPA) are aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE). GSE courses are taught in schools across Georgia. The courses that you take while in Georgia Preparatory Academy are the same courses that are offered to you in public schools. If GPA cannot match the same course you were taking in public school, a comparable course will be assigned to you.

Depending on your GPA location, you may be able to earn new credit through an online curriculum called Odysseyware. Odysseyware provides a broad range of academics and career technical courses.

Many of the Odysseyware courses are also aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence. Odysseyware also offers credit recovery.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

The mission of the Services for Exceptional Children is to provide leadership and support that promotes achievement for students with disabilities. Our commitment is for all students to reach their full academic potential by meeting the specific needs of students.

Georgia Preparatory Academy ensures the "life-long achievement of every child through effective and innovative teaching that meets the needs of individual learners," including those with disabilities. In accordance with the district's mission, the Program for Exceptional Children envisions a school system where all students, families, schools, and community members share the motivation, knowledge, and skills to work together to ensure that all children with disabilities are learning, progressing, and meeting high expectations.

The Georgia Preparatory Academy Department of Special Education offers a broad continuum of services

### DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment offers students in grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> the option of earning a high school diploma and college credit at the same time. Students in the DJJ School System usually participate in dual enrollment in the Youth Development Campuses (YDCs) while taking Career, Technical, Agricultural, Education (CTAE) courses through the local technical colleges.

### CREDIT RECOVERY ODYSSEYWARE

If students have attempted and not met the requirements for a course, Odysseyware may be used as credit recovery. This allows the student an opportunity to retake the course and earn the credit. For additional information, check with your school counselor or school administrator.

for all students through twenty-one (21) years of age. Classes serving students with disabilities are located in all Georgia Preparatory Academy Schools. All programs are represented in every school. If you are classified as an exceptional student and you have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), that plan will be followed and up-dated throughout your time at GPA, if you continue to meet the requirements.

The Department of Special Education is required to provide free, appropriate public education to eligible children in cooperation with parents and other agencies under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Each eligible student must have an Individual Education Program (IEP), which is developed by a team composed of teachers and other qualified school personnel, parents or guardians and the student, when appropriate, as required by state and federal regulations. The IEP is revised when necessary and reviewed annually.

## CAREER TECHNICAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

The Department of Juvenile Justice has contracts with Augusta Technical College, Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Central Georgia Technical College and South Georgia Technical College to provide instructors that work full-time on DJJ school campuses. You will be allowed to register for CTAE courses that include Auto Service, Barbering, Computer Information Systems, Construction, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Forklift Operator, Gas Metal Arc Welding, Horticulture, and Law & Public Safety, depending on your GPA location. Students can earn a TCC (Technical Certificate of Credit) from these technical colleges.



All Career, Technical and Agricultural Education programs within Georgia Preparatory Academy follow the Department of Juvenile Justice's policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, genetic information, or sexual orientation.

## GEORGIA MILESTONES ASSESSMENT

### END OF GRADE (Middle School)

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System is designed to provide information about how well students are mastering the state-adopted content standards in the core content areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Students in grades 3 through 8 will take an end-of-grade assessment in each content area designated by the State Board of education.

### END OF COURSE (High School)

High school students take an end-of-course assessment for each of the eight courses designated by the State Board of Education. The end-of-course (EOC) measures are administered near the completion of the course. These measures serve as the final exam for the course and contribute 20% to the student's final course grade. The following courses require the Georgia Milestones EOC tests:

English/Language Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lit/Composition	GSE Algebra I	Biology	U.S. History
American Lit/Composition	GSE Geometry	Physical Science	Economics

## GRADING REPORTS

The teacher may provide progress reports at any time. The reports are designed to inform the student and parent/guardian of the student’s progress in a given subject area at that point in time. These notices act as general guides to both parent/guardian and student so the student may improve his/her study and performance habits. Progress reports will be provided to all students every nine weeks.

\*Progress Reports - every nine weeks

\*Report Cards - end of each semester (\*credits are earned at end of each semester)

Parents may monitor their child’s grades on the infinite campus Parent Portal at:

<https://gacloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/djj.jsp>

### Incomplete (I)

An incomplete grade or “I” refers to failure to take a required end of course (EOC) test or incomplete work because of extended illness or some circumstance that warrants an extension of time. Your school’s administrator and/or school counselor will work with each student to resolve incomplete grades.

### REPORT CARD GRADES

Letter Grade	Performance Level	Description
A	90-100	Exceeding content expectations
B	80-89	Meeting content expectations
C	70-79	Working towards meeting content expectations
F	69-below	Inadequate progress towards meeting content expectations
I	Incomplete	Course requirements not met

Numeric grades are assigned for all subjects

### GRADING SCALE & CREDITS

A student entering high school is assigned a graduation year. Grade level advancement beyond freshman year will be determined by the number of earned credits.

Credits	Grade Level
0 to 4.5 credits	= 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
5 to 10.5 credits	= 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
11 to 17.5 credits	= 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
18 credits	= 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a minimum of 23 credits to graduate from high school in the state of Georgia. Four units each in English/Language Arts, Mathematics and Science are required. Three units are required in Social Studies. Personal Fitness and Health half units are also required. In addition, a variety of electives are required. The student will know what courses are required during advisement.

High School Graduation Requirements		
Area of Study	Credits	Requirements
English/Language Arts	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature/Composition, 1 credit</li> <li>World Literature/Composition, 1 credit</li> <li>American Literature/Composition, 1 credit</li> <li>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature or Post-secondary option English, 1 credit</li> </ul>
Mathematics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSE Algebra I, 1 credit</li> <li>GSE Geometry, 1 credit</li> <li>GSE Algebra II, 1 credit</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Mathematics or additional core credits from approved GA DOE list of GSE designated course, 1 credit</li> </ul>
Science	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology, 1 credit</li> <li>Physical Science, 1 credit</li> <li>Environmental Science, 1 credit</li> <li>Additional science course from approved GA DOE list of designated courses and/or approved CTAE courses for science credit</li> </ul>
Social Studies	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World History, 1 credit</li> <li>U.S. History, 1 credit</li> <li>Government, 0.5 credit</li> <li>Economics, 0.5 credit</li> </ul>
Health/Physical Education	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal Fitness, 0.5 credit</li> <li>Health, 0.5 credit</li> </ul>
CTAE and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts	3	Students planning to enter for transfer into a University System of Georgia institution or other post-secondary institution must complete two credits of the same World Language.
Electives	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State requires 4 additional electives, 4 credits</li> <li>Electives can be taken in any curriculum area</li> </ul>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	

# PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice offers an Adult Education program, Pathway to Success. To be eligible for Adult Education, students must be at least 16 years of age. A school counselor must review their high school transcript to determine that the placement is appropriate and complete a program admission form. For students under the age of 18, parental consent must be obtained prior to the student being placed in the Adult Education program.

Once a student has been enrolled in the program, he or she will use individualized plans to progress through the program to become test ready. The TABE 11/12 (Test of Adult Basic Education) along with the GED Ready Official Practice Tests, will be used to determine GED readiness. Students must meet the required 536 Reading score and 537 Math score on the TABE 11/12, in order to be eligible to take the GED Ready tests.

There are four subject areas that students will be tested in; Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Reasoning through Language Arts. Once the student is eligible to take the GED Ready Official Practice Tests, they must score at least a 145 on the practice test to be eligible to take the Official GED Test in that subject area. If a student is under the age of 18, they must meet additional requirements in order to be approved for testing (150 or higher on at least two of the GED Ready, 40+ hours of enrollment and TABE 11/12 requirements).

The Pathway to Success Adult Education Program is available to students at all 30 DJJ facilities. If you are interested in being a part of this program, please meet with your counselor.

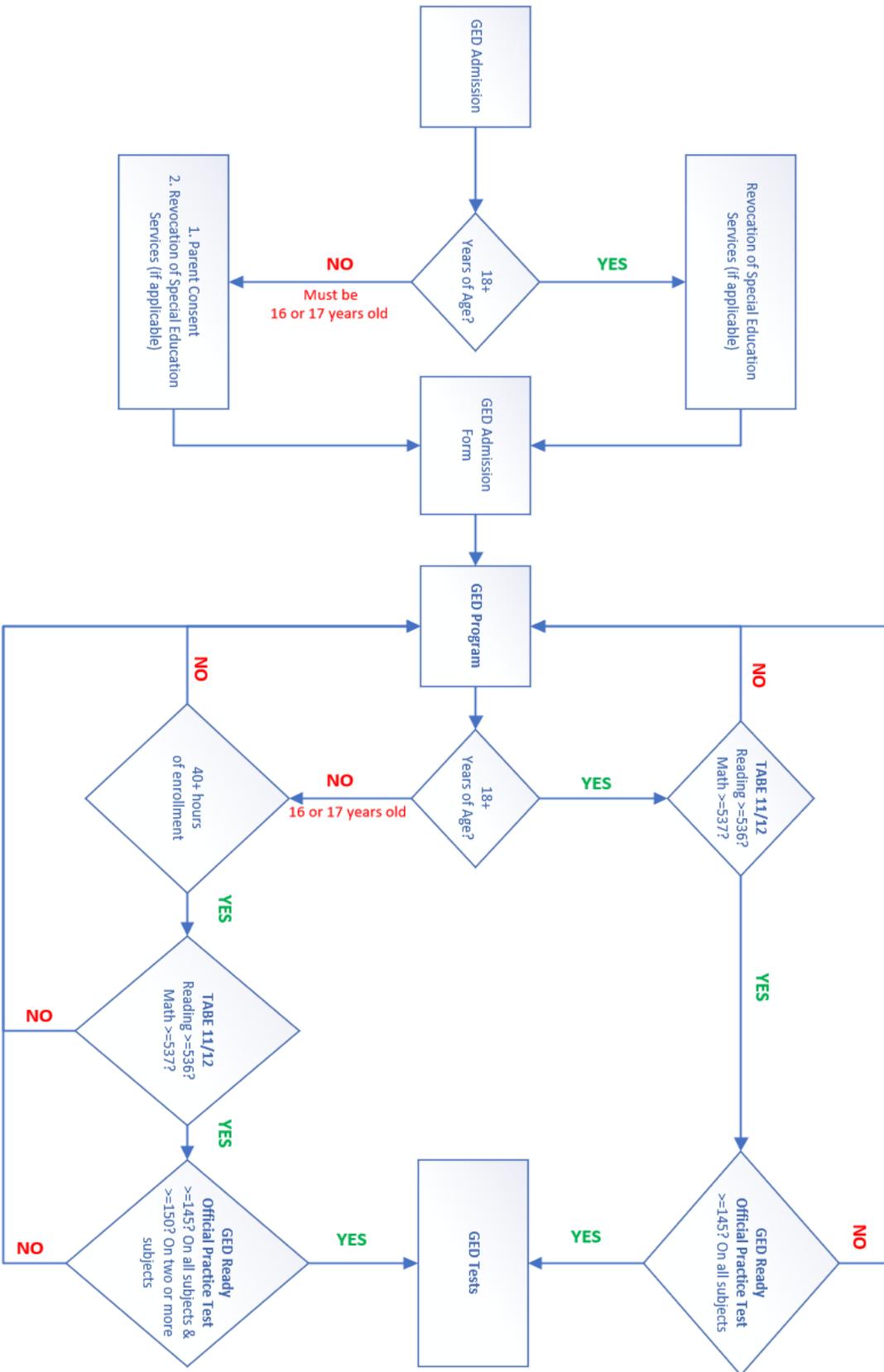
## **AFFILIATED TECHNICAL COLLEGES:**

- Albany Technical College
- Augusta Technical College
- Central Georgia Technical College
- Columbus Technical College
- Georgia Piedmont Technical College
- Lanier Technical College
- Oconee Fall Line Technical College
- Savannah Technical College
- South Georgia Technical College

# GED



**PATHWAY TO SUCCESS (GED PROGRAM)**



# CONNECTIONS GRADUATE PROGRAM

# CGP

The Connections Graduate Program (CGP) is designed to prepare Georgia Preparatory Academy and GED graduates opportunities for college and/or careers that demand them to be intelligent, skilled, and critical thinkers. As graduates plan to transition back to their communities, CGP will prepare them to adjust to everyday, educational or professional life and empower them to understand the social, moral and legal implications of what they do. CGP curriculum provides in-depth exposure to a range of disciplines that assists graduates to be college, career, of life-ready upon their release from the Department of Juvenile Justice.

## Mission Statement

The CGP's mission is to be dedicated in providing opportunities for graduates to obtain college, career and life skills that promote personal growth and development.

## Vision Statement

CGP will help each graduate transition into the community as a cultured and refined student, employee, or employer functioning as a productive member of society.

## Guiding Principle

From Correction to Connection

## Goals

- Ensure transition success for all Graduates through support of CGP instructors, parents, and communities
- Educate and promote development tracks and access to resources
- Ensure all Graduates are supported and prepared to enter their communities as productive, law abiding citizens
- Increase opportunities for all Graduates through community networks

## Five-Point Programmatic Thrusts

1. Educational Development
2. Employability Development
3. Leadership Development
4. Life Skills & Enrichment Development
5. Wellness Development



## Connections Graduate Program, *continued*

The CGP collaborates with community partners to offer various opportunities to graduates in support of the Five Programmatic Thrusts. Graduates are exposed to a variety of programs and workshops associated with the programmatic thrusts preparing them for a successful transition back to their communities.

### PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

CGP has collaborated with library systems of Georgia to offer graduates library cards affording them online opportunities to check out library books, audio books, music, and gain access to resources that overall improve their quality of life. Various libraries within the state are providing information and encouraging reading, literacy, and continued education through equal access to information for all Georgians. Youth returning to their communities will be able to use library cards to obtain college and career information, resources to assist in their reentry, and support for their personal growth and development.



**eCore** is a collaborative program of the University System of Georgia (USG), in which affiliate institutions collaborate to offer general education courses to students in an online setting. CGP graduates enrolled in eCore are taught by highly qualified instructors who are employed at SACSCOC accredited colleges and universities in USG. Course credits earned through eCore are awarded by the affiliate home institution and are transferable within the USG as well as to other regionally accredited institutions.



**GeorgiaBEST** stands for Business Employability Skills Training and is offered through the Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL). The lesson plans have been developed to teach top soft skills (punctuality, teamwork, communication, attitude, and more) required to be successful in the workforce. Graduates are presented certificates to serve as an advantage on their resumes, college applications, and in job interviews. Georgia businesses recognize the importance of GeorgiaBEST and understand that GeorgiaBEST participants have gone above and beyond to prepare themselves for the workplace.



**The Home Depot Career Planning Workshop** is a three-module session facilitated over an eight-week period. Home Depot leadership facilitates a curriculum focused on developing and enhancing career planning and job readiness skills. Graduates have a chance to interact and engage in discussions, activities, and lectures while obtaining information that help to hone skills in preparation of a job or career. The one-on-one dialogue with Home Depot leaders proves to be a highlight for graduates as graduates can ask specific job-related questions of decision makers. At the end of eight weeks, graduates participate in an off-site graduation ceremony to celebrate their completion of the modules.

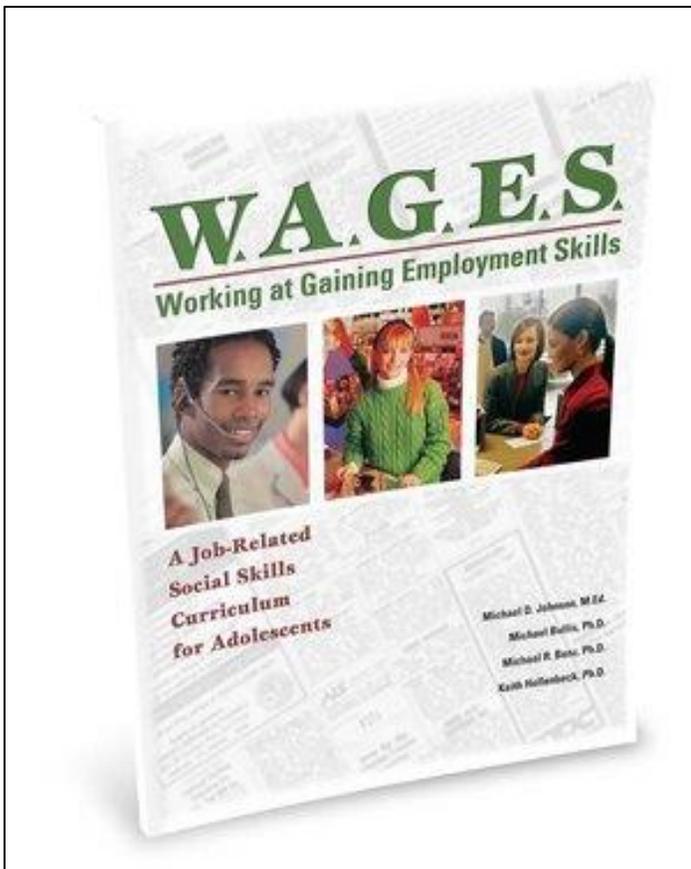
## Connections Graduate Program, *continued*



DJJ Connections Graduate Program has been given access to use TCSG's Work Ethic plan with graduates. Work Ethic refers to the basic academic, interpersonal, critical thinking skills, and work ethics behavior that, when transferred to the occupational settings, facilitate job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The 10 Work Ethic traits and definitions addresses in TCSG colleges are as follows: Appearance, Attendance, Attitude, Character, Communication, Cooperation, Organizational Skills, Productivity, Respect, and Teamwork. Graduates completing Work Ethics will receive a certificate of completion.



**ServSafe** is a food and beverage safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association. The program is accredited by ANSI and the Conference for Food Protection. Sanitation certification is required by most restaurants as a basic credential for their management staff. Graduates will have a chance to obtain a ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certifications. The certificate expires five years of the date the certificate was awarded.



Developed at the University of Oregon School of Education, **W.A.G.E.S.** (Working At Gaining Employment Skills) is a curriculum to teach adolescents job-related social skills. WAGES contains 33 lessons, each designed to be taught within a 40- to 50-minute period along with complementary activities suited to be delivered in a nine-week term. The WAGES design includes incorporating the purpose of each lesson, learning outcomes, a review of a previous lesson, required materials, vocabulary to focus on, activities, and a wrap up. This curriculum also allows the chance to put communication skills to the test through employer mock interviews.

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The mission of Student Support Services is to provide all students with academic, career, and social/emotional guidance and support to prepare them to be educated, productive, and fulfilled adults.

Student Support Services covers a variety of activities and procedures that are in place to support student success during and after attendance at Georgia Preparatory Academy (GPA). These include:

1. Records Management
2. School Counseling Services
3. Multi-Tiered System of Support, Response to Intervention, and Student Support Team
4. Behavior Redirection and Education Activities Classroom
5. Graduation
6. Work Permit
7. Driver's License

Education records are managed by records personnel located in each GPA school. Public school records are requested within 72 hours of a new student admission to a GPA school. Student information is entered and managed in the GPA Student Information System (Infinite Campus). Withdrawals, transcripts and other academic records are provided upon request.

Professional school counselors are available in all GPA schools. The GPA school counseling program implements the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Mindsets and Behaviors standards. Academic advisement, transcript and schedule review, classroom guidance, college and career planning services, and test coordination are available to all GPA students.

Student Support Services is responsible for the oversight of the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) process. This includes Response to Intervention (RTI) and Student Support Team (SST). MTSS is a three-tiered process that provides students with additional supports if there is an academic or behavioral issue in the classroom.

Behavior Redirection and Education Activities Classroom (BREAC) is an opportunity for students to redirect inappropriate behavior and complete assignments in a smaller classroom. It is designed to be a part of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) which is used throughout all DJJ/GPA campuses. BREAC is not designed to isolate or confine students. It is an opportunity for the students to make a different choice after receiving support from staff. Once the student's behavior has been redirected and assignments completed, he or she will be allowed to return to the classroom.

Georgia Preparatory Academy holds two graduations each year. Students receiving high school diplomas, GED diplomas and Technical Certificate of Credits are recognized during graduation.

Work permits are issued through Student Support Services for minors seeking employment.

Driver's License enrollment verification for students in the community are issued through Student Support Services.

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

## Education Records

### TRANSCRIPTS/WITHDRAWALS

Transcript and withdrawal requests should be made to the specific Georgia Preparatory Academy school that the student last attended through the clerk/school counselor office. Former students are required to make transcript requests through GPA's record request online through the Department of Juvenile Justice website at:

<https://djj.georgia.gov/webform/online-education-record-request-form>

**Please note:** GED Diplomas and Transcripts are issued by the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). Depending on when the student obtained a GED, a copy of the diploma and/or transcript may only be available through TCSG and will require direct contact with TCSG. Official GED diploma and transcripts must be obtained directly from TCSG.

Technical College System of Georgia Contact Information:

- Website: <https://tcsge.edu/ged.php>
- Phone: (404) 679-1645

## GAfutures

GAfutures is Georgia's primary resource for information on planning, applying, and paying for college. The website aims to help students of all ages explore and plan for college and is loaded with tools and information that will make the process of searching, applying, and paying for college easier. GAfutures is a project of the Georgia Student Finance Commission and replaced GACollege411.

Using GAfutures, Georgia students will be able to:

- Apply for state financial aid programs (including HOPE and Move On When Ready)
- Check HOPE GPA status (beginning as early as 9th grade)
- Learn about state financial aid programs and eligible postsecondary institutions
- Learn about federal financial aid and repayment options
- Search and apply to colleges
- Search a nationwide scholarship database

## RESOURCES

## Education Transition Centers

If you are unable to enroll in your home school or school district after being in a DJJ facility, the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice Education Transition Centers might serve as an alternative option for school enrollment within the community.

The Education Transition Center gives students that have been dismissed from their local school districts, suspended, expelled, or who have just been released from the YDC or RYDC the opportunity to enroll in academic courses, credit recovery, or GED classes. Classes and transportation are free, and lunch will also be provided free of charge.

### EDUCATION TRANSITION CENTER LOCATIONS:

- 1 Bibb County**  
4160 Riggins Mill Road  
Macon, GA 31217  
(478) 207-1401
- 2 Chatham County**  
1149 Cornell Avenue  
Savannah, GA 31406  
(912) 303-1900
- 3 Muscogee County**  
2601 Cross Country Drive, Suite F  
Columbus, GA 31906  
(706) 565-3082
- 4 Richmond County**  
3481 Mike Padgett Highway  
Augusta, GA 30906  
(706) 792-7290

## Alternative Education Options

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I CAN'T GET BACK INTO MY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT?

Below are options to choose from if your area does not have a DJJ Education Transition Center:



The Georgia Cyber Academy uses online curriculum and services provided by K12. Learning can happen at home, on the road, or wherever an Internet connection can be found. While attendance, teacher interaction, and daily lessons are conducted online, our lessons use physical materials and offline tools as well. Online public education and tuition are free of charge.

**Contact Information:**

Georgia Cyber Academy  
1745 Phoenix Boulevard, Suite 100  
Atlanta, GA 30349  
(866) 523-3162  
[www.gca.k12.com](http://www.gca.k12.com)



GAVS courses are free of charge to all Georgia public school students who are taking

the courses as a part of their state reported school day, so course start, and end dates coincide with regular school semesters. A limited number of state funded seats are available to private and home school students in the state. GAVS also has a tuition program where students can take additional courses to further enhance their course of study or even to catch up if they have fallen behind.

**Contact Information:**

Georgia Virtual School  
(404) 938-7272  
Georgia Credit Recovery  
(404) 561-1671  
[www.gavirtuallearning.com](http://www.gavirtuallearning.com)



Students throughout Georgia have the opportunity to thrive

at Georgia Connections Academy Charter School (GACA), a tuition-free public cyber school. GACA gives students the flexibility to learn at home with an online curriculum that meets rigorous state education standards and offers:

- A challenging curriculum developed by leading education experts
- Instruction from state-certified teachers experienced in online instruction
- Support from trained counselors, principals, and administrative staff
- Curriculum materials needed to participate in a dynamic online learning environment

**Contact Information:**

Georgia Connections Academy  
2763 Meadow Church Road, Suite 208  
Duluth, GA 30097  
(678) 825-3258  
[www.connectionsacademy.com/georgia-virtual-school](http://www.connectionsacademy.com/georgia-virtual-school)

# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAMPUSES

**Atlanta YDC** (Located in Fulton County)

5651 Stonewall Tell Road  
College Park, GA 30349  
(770) 306-6600

**Augusta YDC** (Located in Richmond County)

3481 Mike Padgett Highway  
Augusta, GA 30906  
(706) 792-7500

**Eastman YDC** (Located in Dodge County)

176 Freamon Graham Boulevard  
Eastman, GA 31023  
(478) 374-6900

**Macon YDC** (Located in Bibb County)

4160 Riggins Mill Road  
Macon, GA 31217  
(478) 751-3415

**Milledgeville YDC** (Located in Baldwin County)

800 North Glynn Street  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 445-3050

**Muscogee YDC** (Located in Muscogee County)

7700-A Chattsworth Road  
Midland, GA 31820  
(706) 565-4353

**Sumter YDC** (Located in Sumter County)

300 McMath Mill Road  
Americus, GA 31719  
(229) 931-5800

## LOCATIONS

## REGIONAL CENTERS

**Aaron Cohn RYDC** (Located in Muscogee County)

7700 Chattsworth Road  
Midland, GA 31820  
(706) 565-4374

**Augusta RYDC** (Located in Richmond County)

3485 Mike Padgett Highway  
Augusta, GA 30906-3815  
(706) 771-4881

**Bob Richards RYDC** (Located in Floyd County)

200 Marable Way, N.W.  
Rome, GA 30165  
(706) 295-6035

**Cadwell RYDC** (Located in Laurens County)

2839 Railroad Avenue  
Cadwell, GA 31009  
(478) 689-4753

**Claxton RYDC** (Located in Evans County)

3609 Bill Hodges Road  
Claxton, GA 30417  
(912) 739-4807

**Crisp RYDC** (Located in Crisp County)

130 Haralson Road  
Cordele, GA 31015  
(229) 271-4900

**Dekalb RYDC** (Located in Dekalb County)

2946 Clifton Springs Road  
Decatur, GA 30034-3820  
(404) 244-2183

**Elbert Shaw RYDC** (Located in Dalton County)

2735 Underwood Road, N.E.  
Dalton, GA 30034-3820  
(706) 272-2309

**Gainesville RYDC** (Located in Hall County)

450 Crescent Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30501-5079  
(770) 535-5465

## LOCATIONS

## REGIONAL CENTERS

**Judge Thomas Jefferson Loftiss II RYDC** (Located in Thomas County)  
400 South Pinetree Boulevard  
Thomasville, GA 31792-7128  
(229) 227-2764

**Macon RYDC** (Located in Bibb County)  
4164 Riggins Mill Road  
Macon, GA 31217-5999  
(478) 751-3400

**Marietta RYDC** (Located in Cobb County)  
1575 County Services Parkway, S.W.  
Marietta, GA 30008-4007  
(770) 528-4247

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Hampton, GA 30228  
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1300 Constitution Road, S.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30316-4604  
(404) 635-4400

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2165 Chambers Drive  
Conyers, GA 30012  
(770) 785-2481

**Savannah RYDC** (Located in Chatham County)  
191 Carl Griffin Drive  
Savannah, GA 31405-1362  
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1666 Albany Highway  
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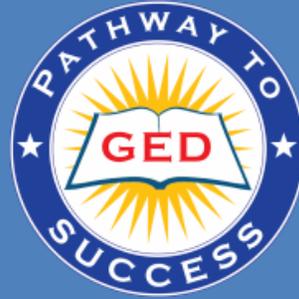
**Waycross RYDC** (Located in Ware County)  
3275 Harris Road  
Waycross, GA 31503-8956  
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1430 Industrial Park Road  
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