

**Going to High School**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Development Advisement Activity #4**  
**Teacher as Advisor Program (TAP)**  
**Estimated time: 30-45 minutes**

**National Career Development Standard/Competency**

2. Skills to interact with others
  - Demonstrate effective group membership skills
  - Demonstrate effective social skills
12. Understanding the process of career planning
  - Demonstrate knowledge of exploratory processes and programs
  - Identify school courses that meet tentative career goals
  - Demonstrate knowledge of academic and career/technology programs offered at the high school level

**Goal:**

Students will investigate the transition from middle school to high school and find answers to their questions about policies, procedures, and opportunities.

**Objectives:**

- Participate in group discussions
- Involve parents in their exploration of high school opportunities
- Consider personal interests and abilities when exploring high school opportunities

**Materials:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Development Advisement Activity #4 handout - **Going to High School**
- Pen or pencil

**Activity:**

1. *Greet students:* “Welcome to advisement. You learned about diploma seals from a previous advisement assignment. If you have questions, the school counselor will be happy to assist you with your questions. Today we’re going to talk about going to high school and the differences between middle school and high school.” *Ask:* “What do you think are some of the major differences between high school and middle school?” *Allow time for students to answer, write their responses on the board, and have students discuss their answers.*
2. *Conclude the discussion with:* “So, in general, high school will demand more work and more time and offer more choices and more opportunities. Who will you count on to help you with all the work and opportunities and choices?” *Have students discuss their support systems of parents, friends, counselors, teachers, advisors, etc.*
3. *Distribute the handout to students, go over the directions for the class activity, and have students complete it.*
4. *Go over directions for out-of-class activity, answer questions from students, and ensure that they understand the assignment and when it is due.*

**Evaluation:**

Students will be evaluated on their participation in the class discussions and on their handouts.

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Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date \_\_\_\_\_

Making the transition from middle school to high school can go more smoothly if you have all the information you need. For example, you'll need to know the following:

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| ✓ Absentee Policies         | ✓ Graduation Requirements          |
| ✓ Behavior Policies         | ✓ Holiday and Vacation Information |
| ✓ Dress Code                | ✓ School Calendar of Events        |
| ✓ Grading Scale Information | ✓ Extracurricular Activities       |

What other questions do you have about entering high school? Take a few moments and think about your interests. Do you want to know more about the sports programs? Music programs? Work-based learning programs? Student organizations like Cooperative Business Education and Annual/Journalism Staff?

Write down two or three of your questions to discuss in class.

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To find out more about high school:

1. Access the Georgia Career Information Center at <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu>.
2. In the blue block on the left, click on **Information Parents Can Use**.
3. Under Brochures on the left, click on **Going to High School** and review the information with your parents. Your parent will be as interested as you are.
4. Access the website for the specific high school you will be attending at \_\_\_\_\_ and review the information about school policies, procedures, classes, and schedules with your parents
5. Answer the following questions: Do you still have unanswered questions? What are they? Do you know how to find the answers? Who can help you with these questions? Your school counselor can always assist you with questions.

