

Smart Choices: Postsecondary Credit Opportunities

10th Grade Student/Parent Workshop

Career Development

Goal

Participants will become aware of the postsecondary credit transition programs available to eligible Georgia students.

Objectives

- To provide a definition for postsecondary credit-based transition program
- To provide rationale for students participating in postsecondary credit-based transition programs
- To provide information regarding postsecondary credit-based transition programs in Georgia
- To provide resources and materials for students and parents regarding postsecondary credit-based transition programs

Delivery

- Counselors can customize the PowerPoint presentation for local system requirements, rules, and regulations.
- Use transparencies copied from the PowerPoint presentation if an LCD projector and laptop are not available.

Materials/Personnel Needed

- High school guidance staff/principal are encouraged to attend
- LCD projector and laptop OR transparencies and overhead projector
- "*Smart Choices: Postsecondary Credit Transition Programs*" PowerPoint presentation via www.GeorgiaCRN.org, "Career-Related PowerPoints." Follow the directions for accessing the PowerPoint presentation at the bottom of the web page.

Planning Considerations

Date and time- Keep your date relevant to the type of workshop you are conducting. Make sure you're giving the information far enough in advance to be helpful. Avoid nights that coincide with major entertainment or athletic events, community or PTA functions, or those too close to a holiday. Choose a time late

enough in the evening (7:00 pm) to include the widest majority of your working parents but not so late as to discourage parents from attending. Provide babysitting services—utilize the child development class from the high school.

School approval- Once approval is received, confirm and reconfirm that your program is on the master calendar.

Location and Set-up- The workshop will have more impact if it is done at the high school. The room should be large enough to accommodate the number of attendees you anticipate.

Publicity- Publicize, Publicize, Publicize. Get your information to parents early and often. Utilize your PTSA/PTO organization. Mail flyers to parents if funding permits (if report cards are mailed home prior to meeting date, send a flyer). Advertise on your school website or on the kiosk in the front office if available. Use incentives to get students/parents to attend.

Format and Handouts- Since your purpose is to disseminate information and the one-hour-15-minute time frame will limit the time for discussion, have enough handouts for **everyone!** Print your PowerPoint presentation as handouts so parents will have something to follow. An agenda would help parents and provide names, titles, and how parents can reach counselors and administrators. Do not overlap information - make your handouts count! Avoid information overload. Let parents know you understand how overwhelmed they must feel about this amount of information. Reassure them that you will be available by telephone or email to address questions or other needs that may occur as a result of the information received. Create packets of information. Please **do not** let parents pick up individual pieces of paper nor pass out individual pieces during the presentation.

PowerPoint- If you are unfamiliar with PowerPoint, have students or your tech specialist assist you. If you do not have the proper computer equipment, make transparencies from the slides. The **10th Grade Student/Parent Smart Choices: Postsecondary Options, Joint Enrollment, and Dual Enrollment PowerPoint** is available: <http://www.GeorgiaCRN.org>.