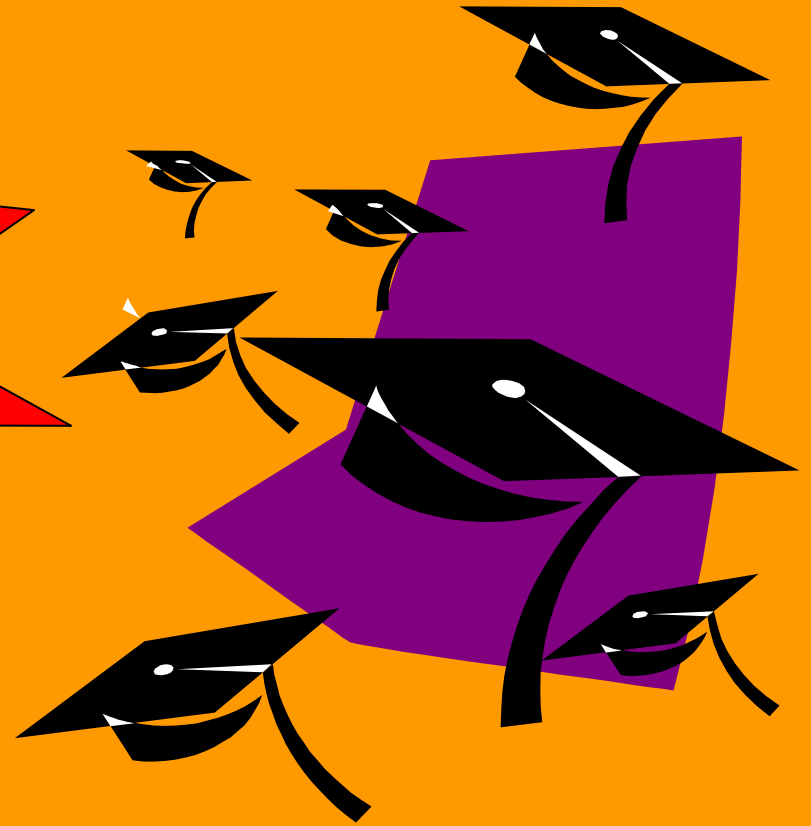


# SMART CHOICES

*Class of 2000*



# Let's get ready... To Graduate!!!!

**Spring time represents new growth. Your child will be growing from a middle school student to a high school student. It will be important that you and your child gather as much information about the next four years and beyond as possible:**

- ✓ **Career exploration**
- ✓ **High school programs/initiatives**
- ✓ **High school curriculum**

# Career Planning....How?

You and your student need answers...

**Who Am I?**

**Where Am I Going?**

**How Am I Going to Get There?**

# Who Am I?



# Self-Awareness

interest

aptitudes

Georgia Career Information System  
(GCIS)

• IDEAS

• SKILLS

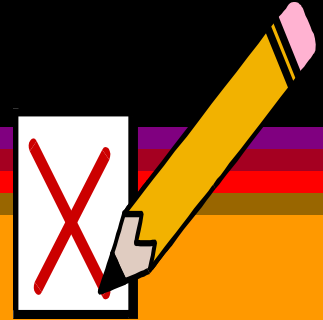
• Occupation Sort

• O\*NET Interest Profiler

• O\*NET Work Importance Locator

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

# Georgia High School Graduation Test



All students must pass the *GHSGT* to receive a *Georgia* certified diploma. Student have the opportunity to take the test in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Students have five opportunities prior to graduation to pass ALL five parts (language arts, social studies, math, writing, science) of the test.

The best way to pass the test is to be in school every day and study!

# Where Am I Going?

Resources

Hot jobs

Exploration

Career Trends



# Career Trends....

Occupations generally requiring a bachelor degree or more education account for 29% of all jobs. However most jobs require education beyond high school but not necessarily a 4-year college degree.

# Career Trends....

Health services, business services, social services, engineering, management, and related services are expected to account for almost one of every two salary jobs added to the economy.

# Career Trends ...

- Of the 25 fast-growing occupations, 12 require a minimum of an associate degree
- Of the 20 occupations projected to grow the most quickly, 8 are health-related and 8 are computer-related
- 4 of the fast-growing occupations also will gain a large number of jobs: computer systems analysts, computer support specialists, personal care and home health aides, and computer engineers

# GO Centers



- ➡ Investigate possible career fields
- ➡ Match careers to interest and aptitudes
- ➡ Learn about high school programs such as Youth Apprenticeship, Tech Prep, Postsecondary Options, etc.
- ➡ Study job search skills: resume writing
- ➡ Investigate military careers
- ➡ Explore postsecondary options
- ➡ Sharpen your testing taking skills
- ➡ Investigate financial aid and scholarships

# Georgia Career Information System (GCIS)

Occupation Sort-a career assessment

SKILLS-a career assessment

IDEAS-a career assessment

O\*Net Interest Profile

Occupational Information-employment, salary, etc.

Programs of Study

Georgia and National School information

Postsecondary Education/Training information

Financial Aid-resources/scholarships

Military information

Apprenticeship information

Job search

Self-Employment

Links ASVAB and CII to occupational information

Portfolio

To access GCIS from your home computer, you must have the User Name and Password.

<http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu/>

# Internet

The internet provides numerous resources that will assist you in your exploration of the world of work. These are just a few:

<http://www.GAcollge411.org> (find, apply and pay for college in Georgia)

<http://www.mapping-your-future.org/> (career planning)

<http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu/> (You need your local school User Name & Password)

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/> (labor information)

<http://www.finaid.org/> ; [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org) (financial aid information)

<http://www.usg.edu/ga-easy/> (Georgia public colleges/universities)

How Am I Going To Get  
There?



**Planning**  
Planning in  
high school  
and  
postsecondary  
school

What level of education do I  
need to reach my career goal?



## **HIGH SCHOOL**

career technology  
college preparatory  
dual diploma

## **POSTSECONDARY**

college, technical college, military,  
special purpose schools,  
apprenticeships, OJT

# Students must... to graduate

- Select a diploma type
  - Dual diploma
  - Technology/Career seal
  - College Prep seal
- Complete a 6-year Individual Career Plan (ICP) (Recommended)
- Successfully complete the required high school coursework
- Pass ALL five parts of the GHSGT

# High School Curriculum

**Dual Diploma**

**Career/Technology  
Diploma**

**College Prep Diploma**


# What are the major differences?

MATH

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

CAREER/TECHNOLOGY

How do I earn credit  
toward graduation?



# Promotion and Retention



# Get involved!

- **Explore the organizations and clubs that are offered at the high school: Drama, Journalism, Mentoring**
- **Go to football, basketball, and baseball games with friends. Or perhaps become a member of the team**
- **Make new friends and stay in touch with old friends**



# High School Programs

**Jr. ROTC**

**Advanced Placement**

**Athletics**

**Magnet Programs**

**CLUBS**

**Band**

**Work-based**

**PSO/Dual Enrollment**

**Learning**

# HOPE Program

 Georgia Public Colleges and Universities

 Georgia Private Colleges and Universities

 Georgia Technical Colleges

**Any questions  
or comments?**