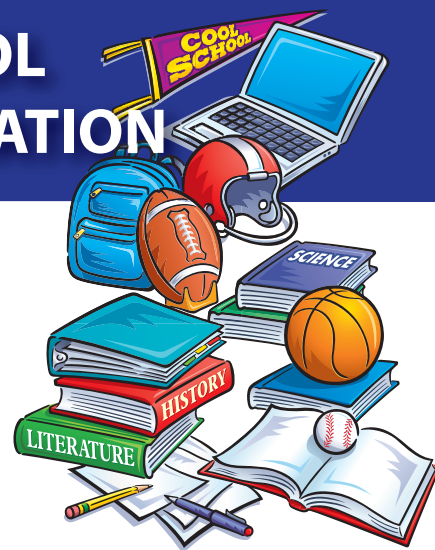


KEEPING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ON A PATH TO GRADUATION



Parents and other family members can help keep high school students on a path that will lead to a diploma!

- **Make graduation a priority.**
- **Be aware of your children's attendance** and encourage them to be on time and in school every day.
- **Know who they are hanging out with** as they are most likely to mimic the behaviors of their friends.
- **Keep an eye on grades** and make sure they are staying on track for graduation.
- **Attend parent-teacher meetings** and talk about goals and expectations for your child.
- **Help your child explore careers** and understand the necessary education and/or training.
- **Teach your children to speak for themselves** and allow them to make choices and decisions.
- **Attend and volunteer at school activities** as a way to know what is happening at the school.
- **Encourage your children to join clubs and/or play sports** and they will be more likely to want to stay in school.
- **Seek tutoring and extra academic assistance** to help them through difficult classes.
- **Look for signs of bullying, learning difficulties, or health concerns** that may be reasons for your child's poor performance or unhappiness at school.
- **Seek out resources and supports outside of the school when needed.**
- **Look for online resources** to address specific concerns and questions.
- **If your child has an IEP**, make sure he or she is part of the IEP team and involved in the transition plan.
- **Make sure your child's IEP goals align with the requirements for a High School diploma.** Goals should focus on academics and include the supports and any accommodations needed in order to participate and pass the required coursework.
- **Check that your child has access to and is using** the necessary accommodations to be successful.
- **Remember, students with IEPs can stay longer in high school and receive extra supports** in order to help them complete the necessary coursework to graduate with a regular high school diploma.

Where to go for more information:

Parent to Parent of Georgia 770-451-5484 or 800-229-2038 or www.p2pga.org

Georgia Department of Education, Division for Special Education Services and Supports

404-656-3963 or 800-311-3627 and ask to be transferred to Special Education

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/default.aspx>

Graduation Requirements

<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/State-Board-of-Education/SBOE%20Rules/160-4-2-.48.pdf>

Career, Technical and Agricultural Education

<http://www.gadoe.org/curriculum-instruction-and-assessment/ctae/pages/default.aspx>

Additional resources: Contact the Special Education Director for your school system.

Credits:

National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET)

PACER Center

US Department of Education (Ed.gov)

