

January 15, 2019

Parents of Rising Juniors,

I am pleased to announce that our students who qualify now will be able to begin their college classes in the eleventh grade through the dual enrollment program. Gatewood is proud to partner with Gordon State College to provide this opportunity to our students. MOWR, formerly known as Dual Enrollment, gives students college credit for designated classes while students are still in the high school environment. Students will receive dual credit for high school and college classes for courses successfully completed. These are NOT AP classes. Each class is counted for full college credit when a passing grade is received. The HOPE grant will continue to pay for these classes to be taught to juniors exactly as they have paid for the seniors in the past.

To participate in this program, a student must meet the following requirements for participation at Gordon State and Gatewood:

1. Test scores:

Minimums in each field: SAT Critical Reading (24 new scoring) and Math 470 OR ACT of English 17 and Math 18-The composite will no longer be counted for the ACT.

You may “superscore” your test results to achieve the qualifications.

2. Minimum of 3.0 GPA average in high school classes in academic college prep core from 9-10 grades-This qualifies the student for HOPE, for one may not participate in the dual enrollment program if he/she is not HOPE eligible. HOPE does NOT round up; therefore, 2.999 will not allow a student to participate in this program.
3. Written recommendation of high school principal and professor
4. Written consent of parent or guardian
5. Copy of official transcript for 9 and 10 grades
6. Complete an application for Gordon State (DO NOT do this on line!) Students will complete this application with me.)

If you would like for your son or daughter to be considered for this program, I must have the official SAT or ACT scores as soon as possible. Please be sure to have the scores sent to Gatewood when filling out your SAT-ACT application. Our school code is

111187. If your child meets the aforementioned criteria, I will help him or her to apply for Gordon State. I can waive the application fee when we apply through Gordon State for the program if the student completes a paper application and returns the application to me. Do **NOT** go ahead and apply individually. I will register everyone as a group from Gatewood. After acceptance to Gordon, we will assist students in applying for the dual enrollment program. HOPE pays the tuition for these classes.

All classes will be taught here at Gatewood on campus by:

Martha Sammons : English 1101

Libby Haley: Math 1111

These classes will now be taught as junior classes and no longer taught to seniors. They are also prerequisites for the next sequence of each subject. HOPE hours are awarded to your child in addition to the college HOPE hours. We are extremely proud to be able to offer these classes to our juniors here on our campus.

Even though all of the paperwork will be done on campus, I would like to ask you to sign the attached form if your child is interested in this program. Your signature in NO way commits you to this endeavor. I simply want to make you aware that we must have an SAT or ACT score to begin this application process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at msammons@gatewoodschool.com. Please have your student turn this attached form in to me as soon as possible. This is indeed a rare opportunity for a student to still live at home, to take college classes, and to receive additional help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards,

Martha Thornton Sammons

Chairman, English Dept.

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