

# **College Credit Options Parent Night**

**November 30, 2017**

# What is Tonight's Agenda?

- Learn more about AP and Dual Enrollment.
- At the conclusion of this presentation, visit the informational fair in the Gold Gym to learn more from specific AP teachers and college representatives.



# What are the Main Differences Between AP and DE?

## AP

- Classes at the local school
- Students can choose to take AP exams
- Many colleges award college credit based on performance on the AP exam

## Dual Enrollment

- Face-to-face or online classes at a college
- Attend full-time at the college or part-time with some classes at Brookwood
- Grades of C or better transfer to most colleges within Georgia and to some out of state

# Advanced Placement

# **What is an AP Course?**

- **College-level coursework completed at the secondary level**
- **Opportunity to earn college credit through national AP Exams**
- **Excellent college preparation**
- **Development of habits necessary for managing the rigors of college**
- **Taught by teachers who have received specialized training**

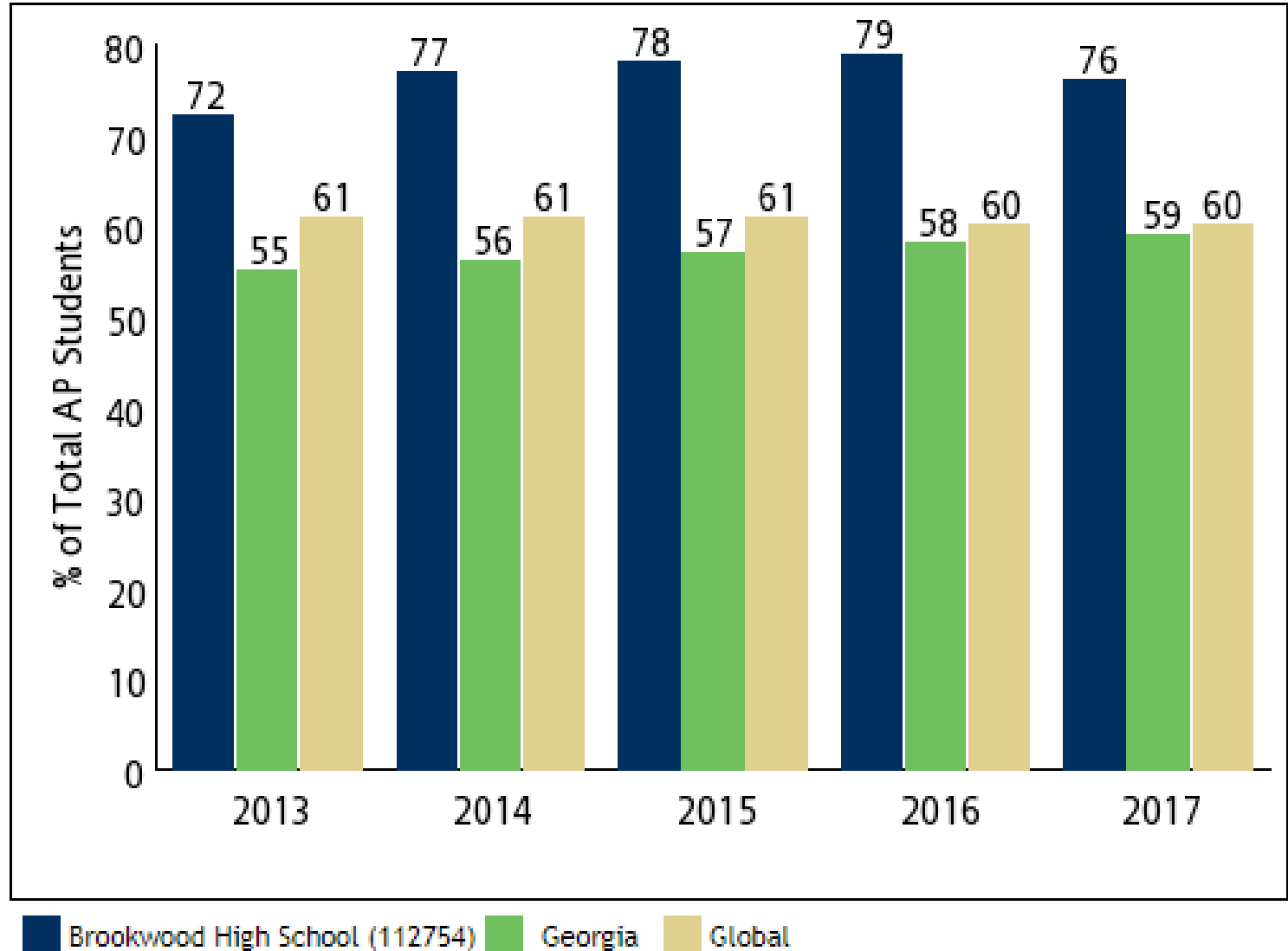
# **What are Some of the Benefits of Taking an AP Class?**

- **To improve vocabulary, critical thinking, and analytical skills**
- **College Admission**
- **College Transition**
- **College Success**
  - **Help maintain HOPE scholarship**
  - **Potentially graduate from college early**

# How do Brookwood's Students Perform on AP Exams?

% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+

**2017  
Avg  
Mean  
Score:  
3.3**



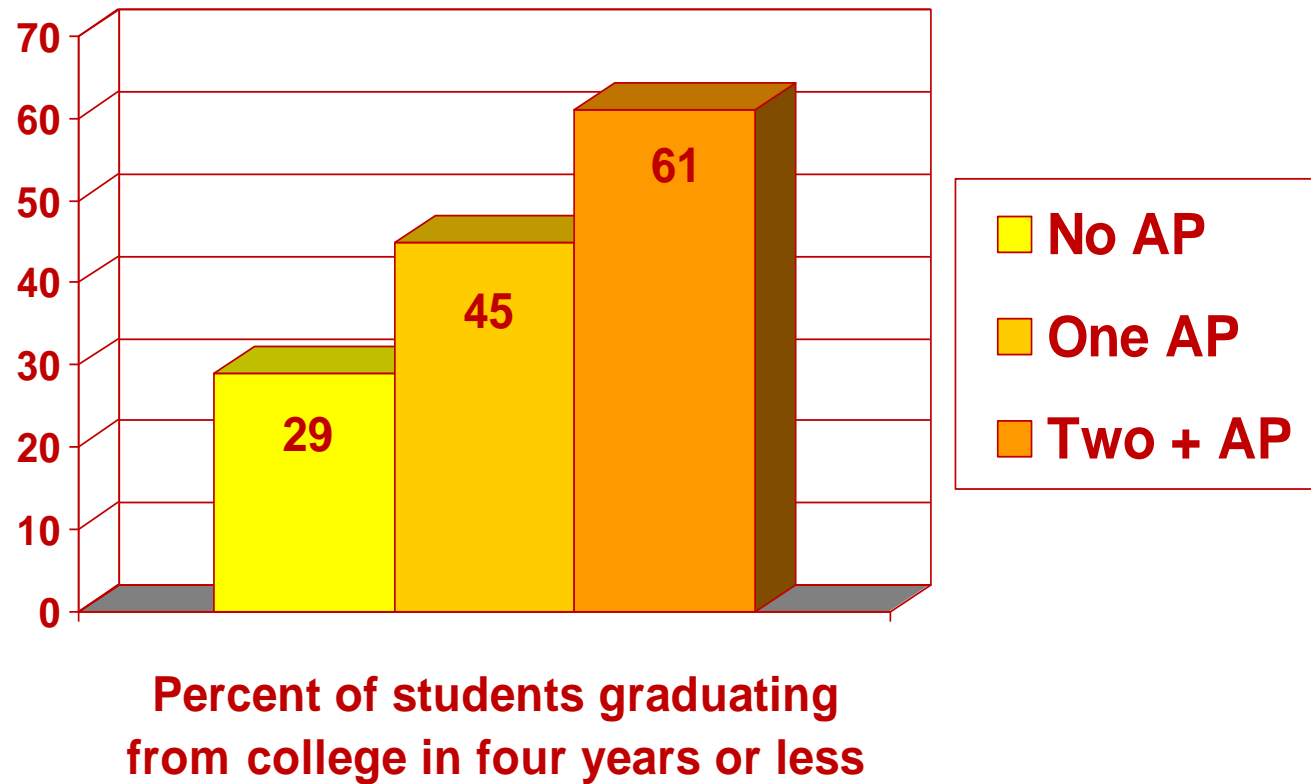
# How do AP Classes Affect HOPE GPA?

- Students in AP classes have 10 points added to their average by GCPS.
  - Important for class rank and GPA
- These 10 points are removed for calculation of the HOPE Scholarship average.
- HOPE rewards students for AP classes by adding .5 points to their GPA for the course (based on a 0-4 scale).



# What is the Potential Impact of AP Classes on College Success?

A 2013 study found that students who took one or more AP exams, regardless of what score was earned, were more likely to graduate from college in four years compared to non-AP students.



# How Do Students Qualify to Join the AP Scholar Society?

- Seniors who are on track to complete four units of AP courses with a B average by the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
- Recognition includes
  - Medal to be worn at Graduation
  - Seal for diploma
  - Pizza Party
  - Recognition in Graduation Program
  - Name plate on AP Scholar board



# What Are Some Things to Consider Before Registering for AP Classes?

- We encourage rigor and for students to sign up for classes that allow them to work to their maximum academic potential.
- When registering, consider the whole student, including
  - overall course load
  - academic demands
  - extracurricular and athletic participation
  - social life
  - attendance
  - overall wellbeing
- There are required summer assignments for all AP classes.
- Students choose whether to take the AP exam for each course. One exam is free per year, but others require a fee.

# How Many AP Courses Can a Student Take Per Year?

- It depends on the student.
- Most AP courses are restricted to juniors and/or seniors depending on the specific course and the prerequisites.
  - In general, most 10<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to take only AP World History. Based on the prerequisites, a few are ready for an AP Science or AP Math.
- Some students take two or three per year.
- A few well-organized and exceptionally motivated students take as many as 4-6 per year.

# How Do Students Register for AP Classes?

- Registration will be in early February.
- Students wishing to sign up for AP courses should speak to their teacher of that content area. Example: Students interested in AP Biology should speak to their science teacher.
- Students are registering for the full academic year of 2018-2019, so choices should be made wisely. Schedule changes after the May 31<sup>st</sup> course request deadline are rare.

# AP Course Offerings 2018-2019

Math	Language Arts	Science	Social Studies
Calculus AB Calculus BC Statistics	Language & Composition (12) Literature & Composition (12)	Biology Chemistry Physics I Environ. Science	Human Geography (9-12) World History (10) US History (11) Macroeconomics (12)
Foreign Language	Other Areas	Physics C: Mechanics/ Elec. & Magnetism	US Government (12) AP European His. (11/12)
French German Latin Spanish	Studio Art Music Theory Computer Science A Seminar (11 with LA) Research (12)		Psychology (11/12) <i>(also offered in a hybrid, mostly online, format)</i>

# **Move on When Ready/ Dual Enrollment**

# What is the Dual Enrollment (DE) Program?

- Students earn both college & high school credits for each course.
- After the acceptance process, students attend classes at the selected college.
- The college may be 4-year, 2-year (USG), technical (TCSG), or a participating private college.
- The classes may be core or electives.





# **Which Students are Eligible to Participate in the DE Program?**

- **Attend public high school or eligible home study program in Georgia**
- **Meet admissions requirements for the chosen postsecondary institution**
- **Make satisfactory academic progress toward high school graduation**

# What are the Two Ways Students Participate in the DE Program?

## State Bill 132

- High school students in grades 9-12 can earn college credits.

*(Many colleges will not accept 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> graders for SB 132.)*

## State Bill 2

- Alternative diploma
- High school students may possibly earn
  - Diploma
  - Two certificates in the same pathway (computer programming, networking, welding)
  - Associate Degree

# What Else Should You Know About SB2?

- **Students must complete the following courses at the high school:**
  - Health & Phys. Fitness
  - 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Language Arts
  - Algebra 1 & Geometry
  - Biology, Physics, & Another Science
  - Econ/Political Systems & US History
- **Students who are typically interested in this program include those who**
  - Plan to go directly to the workforce
  - Do not plan to earn a 4-year college degree
  - Desire for or would benefit from a non-traditional high school experience

# What is the Cost of the DE Program?

- Tuition- *free*
- Mandatory fees (including application fee)-  
*free*
- Books- *free*
- Other course related materials and fees,  
such as labs and other non-mandatory fees-  
*student/family cost*

# Which Colleges are Participating?

- **Colleges within**
  - **University System of Georgia (30)**
  - **Technical College System of Georgia (22)**
  - **SACS-accredited Private colleges (21)**
  
- **Most of our students attend the following colleges:**
  - **Georgia Gwinnett College**
  - **Georgia State University**
  - **Perimeter College at Georgia State University**
  - **Gwinnett Technical College**

# What Courses are Available?

Classes must be selected from the DE course directory.

[https://apps.gsfc.org/secure/dsp\\_accel\\_course\\_listings.cfm](https://apps.gsfc.org/secure/dsp_accel_course_listings.cfm)

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social studies
- Foreign Languages
- Fine Arts
- Physical Education
- Career, Technical, & Agricultural Education

*\*Not all classes are available at all institutions.*

# What are the Benefits of DE?

- Save money on college tuition
- Earn college credits, certificate, diploma, or associate degree while in high school
- Potential to graduate high school or college early
- Better adjustment to certain aspects of the college experience
- More likely to enroll in college after high school and graduate with class
- Attend full-time (12-15 credit hours per semester) OR part-time
- Take classes that are not available at the high school

# **What are the Benefits of DE?**

- **Grades are computed with high school's HOPE GPA**
- **Earn additional .5 pts toward HOPE**
- **Courses will not count against hourly caps for HOPE scholarships or HOPE grants**
- **Courses with grades of C and above will transfer to USG schools**
- **Attendance during the fall, spring, and summer is possible**
- **Students may still remain connected to Brookwood through extra-curricular and other social activities**



# What are the Application Steps?

1. Attend advisement session to receive more information and to begin paperwork (parents may attend).
2. Check HOPE GPA on [gafutures.org](http://gafutures.org).
3. Decide on the participating college: USG or TCSG?
4. Check deadlines, required test scores, & application procedure.
5. If this has not yet been done, register for and take the SAT or ACT or Accuplacer (TCSG test).
6. Meet with high school counselor to discuss graduation requirements.
7. Apply to selected college.
8. Complete and return required forms including student participation agreement for signatures.

*Have all of the above completed by Friday, March 30!*

# What are the Student's Responsibilities for DE?

- Follow through on all application steps.
- Register for college classes.
- Work with the Brookwood counselor and Curriculum office to balance the schedules between the two schools.
- Complete the DE application on [GaFutures.org](http://GaFutures.org) each semester.
- Get the participation agreement signed each semester.
- Attend the required summer meeting at Brookwood.
- Stay in touch with the high school, including information from Guided Study.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress.

# How are DE Grades Reported?

- Colleges use alphanumeric grades. The midpoint of the alphanumeric grade will appear on the high school transcript.
  - A=95
  - B=85
  - C=77
  - D=72
  - F=55
- 3+ credit hours = 1 Carnegie unit (So a course taken in one semester qualifies as one full high school credit, i.e., 1 year).
- 1-2 credit hours = .5 Carnegie unit

# What Else Should You Know?

- **Classes may not be dropped after the college's drop/add period.**
  - The student may receive a failing grade of 55 for the dropped class or return to Brookwood to take the class.
  - This action could delay graduation plans and/or impact the GPA.
- **Student must have transportation.**
- **Some classes may be online in some colleges.**
- **EOC courses taken at the college exempt EOC tests.**
- **College & high school breaks/holidays do not always align.**
- **Many colleges only accept 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders.**
- **To be considered full-time, students must be registered for 4 college classes or 6 classes between the two schools.**

# CAUTION!

- **DE is not for every student.**
- **Investigate all options.**
- **Being responsible is the most important trait of the successful DE student.**



**AP and DE both provide opportunities for college credit.**

# How do AP and DE Compare?

Advanced Placement	Dual Enrollment
Taught at the high school by AP-certified teachers	Taught on the college campus by college instructors/ professors
Students are enrolled in the class as part of the high school schedule.	Students must be accepted and enrolled at the college. Students must provide transportation to the college.
Students choose to take the AP exams to potentially earn college credits. AP exam scores do not impact course grades.	Students take required finals as part of each DE course. Final exam grades impact course grades.
Recognized nationally by colleges/universities	DE is based on NACEP, and is accepted by many, but not all, colleges/universities.

# How do AP and MOWR Compare?

Advanced Placement	Dual Enrollment
On the transcript, the final grade can be any numeric number from 0-110.	On the transcript, the final grade is 95, 85, 77, 72, or 55 only.
AP classes get 10 extra points on earned grades.	MOWR classes do not get 10 extra points on earned grades.
HOPE subtracts the extra 10 points, but adds .5 to GPA computation.	HOPE adds .5 points to GPA computation.
Most colleges award credit for courses earning 3 or higher on the optional (for fee) AP exam.	College credit earned through successful completion of the course. Must earn "C" or higher for credit to transfer to eligible colleges.



# How Can You Learn More about Specific AP Classes & MOWR Colleges?

*Visit the Tables at the Informational Fair in the Gold Gym!*

## AP

- 7 Social Studies
- 2 Language Arts
- 3 Math
- 5 Science
- 4 Foreign Language
- 4 Miscellaneous

## DE

- Georgia Gwinnett College
- Gwinnett Technical College
- Georgia Perimeter College/ Georgia State University

# **What if you have additional questions?**

- **For AP, speak to your student's current teachers.**
- **For DE, speak to your student's assigned counselor.**
- **(A copy of this powerpoint will be placed on the Brookwood website.)**