

Resources for Students Leaving High School Prior to Graduating

Home School-One option parents have to educate their children outside of their public school is to establish a “Home School”. For detailed information on Home Schools, go to:

<http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Pages/Home-Schools.aspx> or contact Dr. Linda Dunn at the Georgia Department of Education at 404-656-3083.

Georgia Virtual School-This program serves as a resource for public, private, and home school students in grades 9 – 12 to take teacher led, on-line courses that meet Georgia Performance Standards. Students who are enrolled in school can take courses as part of their regular school day free of charge. For students who are not currently enrolled in school, tuition is \$300 for a half Carnegie unit and \$600 for a full Carnegie unit. Georgia Virtual School is a program of the Georgia Department of Education and as such does **not** grant credit or award diplomas. GAVS does provide official documentation of the final grade earned for each completed course. These courses are quite difficult and require a student to be very disciplined and self-motivated. There is a high failure rate among students that lack these characteristics. For more information call 404-657-0574 or go to their website at:

<http://gavirtualschool.org/>

Job Corps-This is a federal program that offers students 16 years of age and older the opportunity to earn a high school diploma or a GED and training for a specific career. Students can choose to attend one of the many different Job Corps locations throughout the U.S. Some locations provide dorm-type living arrangements while others offer only commuter programs where students drive to the program each day. There is no cost involved for students that meet income guidelines. For more information call 1-800-733-5627 or go to their website at: <http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx>

Private Schools-Henry and its surrounding counties have many private schools available for students serving many different needs. For the Georgia Department of Education’s complete listing of all public and private schools go to this website: <http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/External-Affairs-and-Policy/AskDOE/Pages/Schools-and-Districts.aspx>

Faith Academy- This program began as a private Christian school and is SACS accredited. Many students use this program to make up a class they previously failed. Other students use this as their full-time school or to supplement a home school. As a private school there are fees involved at the rate of about \$180 per month for full-time students. The program works by students going to one of the programs locations each week to pick up a packet of work. After one week they return there completed work and pick up new packet of material. Much of the work in this program is fairly easy to do and will require little teacher support for most students. Students must be 16 years of age to participate. **Students and parents should make certain that a specific branch of the military, college or technical school that a student may want to attend after graduation will accept a diploma from Faith Academy.** You may contact Faith Academy at their Stockbridge Campus at 678-289-3330 or Locust Grove Campus at 678-583-6510. Their website is: <http://www.faithaca.org/index.html>

GED Programs-Communities in Schools-Henry/Youth Development Program has recently begun a new program for Henry County youth ages 16-21 years of age. There are many aspects to this program designed to assist students in furthering their education including preparation for taking the GED. The website should be available soon with more information. Until then please call Shane Persaud at 770-288-6223 for more information.

-Southern Crescent Technical College offers classes to prepare students to take the GED at many different locations including Henry County. For more information on taking the GED exam or classes call 770-914-4422 or visit their website at: <https://www.sctech.edu/adulteducation/>

Youth Challenge-The Georgia National Guard Challenge Academy is a program for high school dropouts 16-18 years of age. This program has approximately \$100 in application fees, but is otherwise free. Students will spend the first 22 weeks living at their facility working toward a GED. Students are given preparation to enter the military after getting their GED, but this is not required. For details about this program call 912-876-1724 or visit their website at: <http://www.georgiayouthchallenge.org/>

Excel Academy-This Henry County Schools program has been updated for the 2015-16 school year. Formerly known as Patrick Henry Academy, Excel has added many new support staff to assist students beyond their academic needs in order to help students solve social and emotional needs as well. The program still utilizes the individualized learning model that was so successful for students in the past, but now also incorporates many new counseling interventions provided by its caring staff of school social workers, counselors and psychologists. For more information call 770-957-4101 or visit their website at: <http://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/Domain/1619>

Georgia Cyber Academy-This is a new program offered by the Georgia Department of Education to all Georgia residents. It is a totally on-line school that is free. By fall of 2012 they will be offering courses for student in grades 9-11. The following year they will offer classes for seniors as well. For more information call 866-523-3162 or visit their website at: <http://www.k12.com/gca/>

Impact Academy- Begun in the fall of 2012, Henry County Schools started a new on-line learning school. Impact offers a program of study where students take classes on-line. Currently, Impact is serving students in 6th-12th grades. It is free for Henry County residents. While participating in this school, students may still be able to join in extra-curricular activities at their area public school. Students and parents should note that on-line learning is difficult and the curriculum utilized by Impact Academy is rigorous. Only those students with a great deal of self-discipline will find success in this program. For more information call 770-957-6547 or visit their website at: <http://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/ia>

