

High School Graduation Option B (SB2) is available to Georgia public high school students (O.C.G.A. 20-2-149.2). Per HB 444 of 2020, high school students designated as pursuing a high school diploma by High School Graduation Option B (SB2) as of Spring term 2020, and received Dual Enrollment funding as an Option B (SB2) student, may continue in the Dual Enrollment funding program, while enrolled in approved courses selected from the Dual Enrollment Course Directory, and are not subject to the Funding Cap.

Effective Summer term 2020 and later, all new public high school students pursuing High School Graduation Option B (SB2) are subject to the 30 semester or 45 quarter hour Dual Enrollment Funding Cap.

Once new Option B students have reached the Funding Cap, they may qualify for the HOPE Grant and Career Grant if attending a HOPE Grant participating eligible TCSG or USG institution (list on the back) and enrolled in a HOPE Grant technical diploma or certificate program. These students must complete the Dual Enrollment application and the postsecondary institution must determine eligibility. HOPE Grant Hours do count in HOPE Combined Paid Hours, thereby affecting HOPE Scholarship hours after high school graduation. For more information visit GAfutures.org.

O.C.G.A 20-2-149.2

(a) A local board of education may award a high school diploma to a student enrolled in coursework pursuant to [Code Section 20-2-161.3](#) who:

- (1) Completes rigorous coursework at a postsecondary institution which meets the requirements in paragraph (7) of [Code Section 20-3-519](#) ;
- (2) Has completed at least the following state required ninth and tenth grade level high school courses: two English courses, two mathematics courses, two science courses, two social studies courses, and one health and physical education course; and any state required tests associated with any such courses;
- (3) Receives a score of admission acceptable on the readiness assessment required by the postsecondary institution; and
- (4) Completes: (i) an associate degree program; (ii) a technical college diploma program and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field; or (iii) at least two technical college certificate of credit programs in one specific career pathway and all postsecondary academic education and technical education and training prerequisites for any state, national, or industry occupational certifications or licenses required to work in the field as determined by the Technical College System of Georgia.

(b) The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall annually identify fields of study in which a critical need or shortage of trained personnel exists in the labor markets in this state and provide such information to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall annually provide such information to local school systems for the purpose of emphasizing areas of critical workforce needs and shortages in the labor markets in our state to high school students to support their career pathway decisions.

(c) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, shall establish rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Code section.

(d) A student who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be deemed to have met all graduation requirements of the State Board of Education and shall not be subject to any assessments otherwise required for purposes of graduation.

HOPE GRANT Eligible Institutions FY 2021

TCSG - Technical Colleges

Albany Technical College
Athens Technical College
Atlanta Technical College
Augusta Technical College
Central Georgia Technical College
Chattahoochee Technical College
Coastal Pines Technical College
Columbus Technical College
Georgia Northwestern Technical College
Georgia Piedmont Technical College
Gwinnett Technical College
Lanier Technical College
North Georgia Technical College
Oconee Fall Line Technical College
Ogeechee Technical College
Savannah Technical College
South Georgia Technical College
Southeastern Technical College
Southern Crescent Technical College
Southern Regional Technical College
West Georgia Technical College
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

USG – Colleges & Universities

Atlanta Metropolitan State College
Columbus State University
Dalton State College
Middle Georgia State University