



Alliance of Education Agency Heads

Georgia's Participation in the American Diploma Project

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American Diploma Project (ADP)

- Network of 26 states dedicated to ensure every high school graduate prepared for college and work
- Network builds upon work begun by the American Diploma Project, launched by Achieve
- ADP expectations significantly more rigorous than most current high school standards
 - Explains why many high school graduates have not been prepared to succeed when they arrive at college or work place



American Diploma Project (ADP)

- ADP states bring together
 - Governor
 - State Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - Business Executives
 - College and University Leaders
- To restore value to high school diploma



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Shared Agenda of 26 States in ADP Network

1. Standards: Align academic standards in high school with expectations for college and workplace success
2. Course Requirements: Upgrade high school course requirements so college and work ready curriculum required for high school diploma
3. Assessment: Redesign selected high school tests in English and mathematics to also serve as college and work placement tests
4. Accountability: Hold high schools accountable for all graduates reaching college and work readiness standards and colleges accountable for the success of their students once enrolled



**In Georgia
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Heads First Priority—Goal # 1:**

**To decrease Georgia's high school drop-out rate,
increase Georgia's high school graduation rate, and
increase Georgia's post-secondary enrollment rate**

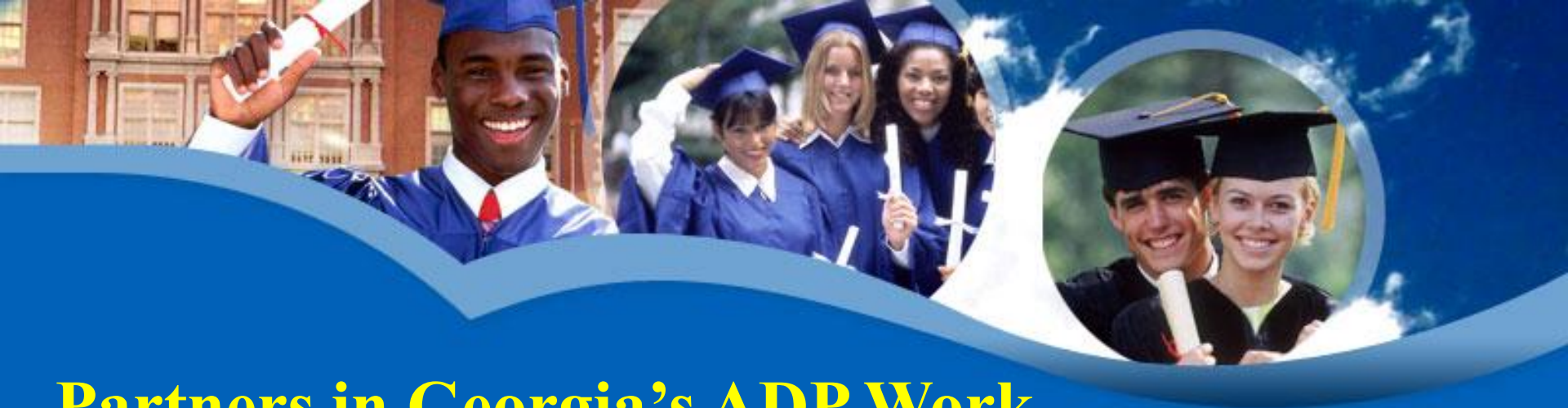




Goal One: Strategies Feature ADP

Implementation of rigorous standards for high school graduation and align these standards, curriculum, and assessments with expectations for post-secondary and the workforce





Partners in Georgia's ADP Work

- Georgia Department of Education
- Georgia Department of Technical & Adult Education
- University System of Georgia*
- Governor's Office of Student Achievement
- Metro Chamber of Commerce
- Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education

* Lead Partner



Status of ADP in Georgia

ADP Action Plan Developed and Endorsed by

- ✓ State Board of Education
- ✓ State Board of Technical and Adult Education
- ✓ Board of Regents



Status of ADP in Georgia

1. College and Work Readiness Standards for Georgia

- ✓ Identified in English and mathematics within the Georgia Performance Standards
- ✓ Verified by Department of Technical and Adult Education, University System of Georgia, and business community as to the level of performance needed by all students to graduate high school both college and work ready
- ✓ Benchmarked against ADP standards set by Achieve
- ✓ Ready for Board consideration



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2. Course Requirements to meet College and Work Readiness Standards

- ✓ Department of Education committee at work to recommend changes in High School Graduation Rule
 - ✓ Includes Pre-K, K-12, business, and college partners
- ✓ Goals
 - ✓ Course requirements for high school graduation ensure all students meet or exceed college and work readiness standards
 - ✓ Same courses serve as prerequisites for admission to Department of Technical and Adult Education and to the University System of Georgia



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3. Assessment to Meet Requirements for High School Graduation and College Placement

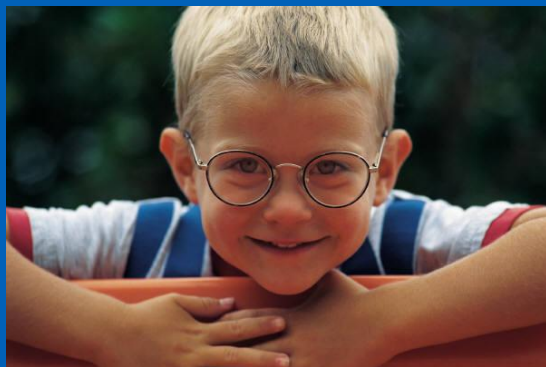
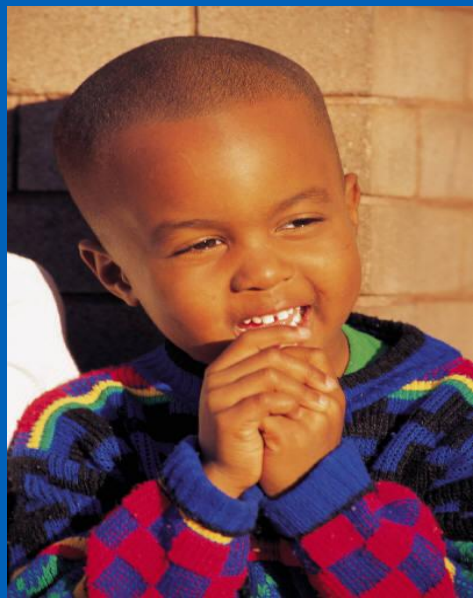
- ✓ Department of Education, Department of Technical and Adult Education, and University System committee at work to measure
 - ✓ Student learning as a requirement for high school graduation
 - ✓ Student readiness to substitute for college placement tests for remediation within Technical Colleges and the University System
- ✓ Timeline
 - ✓ English—Spring 2008 for college placement fall 2010
 - ✓ Mathematics—Spring 2011 for college placement in fall 2013



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4. Accountability for Student Success

- ✓ High schools
 - ✓ Graduation rates and college and work readiness
- ✓ College transition—shared—schools and colleges
 - ✓ Dual enrollment
 - ✓ Technical College and University System enrollment and 1st year retention rates
 - ✓ Remediation
- ✓ College success—Technical College & University System
 - ✓ Program completion and graduation rates
- ✓ Timeline—2007 Georgia Report Card



**The American Diploma Project -
Ensuring College and Work Readiness of
Georgia's Children**