Continuation Policy ***Revised 3.28.17***

The goal of Georgia College Early College’s continuation policy is to maintain a population of students who consistently improve in their levels of readiness and motivation necessary for success in an accelerated curriculum that includes college coursework. Continuation in the GCEC Program is contingent upon the following:

1. **Parent Volunteer Credits:** It is critical that parents are involved in our program to ensure participants’ overall success. For each household, parents must earn a combined 25 Parent Volunteer Credits (PVCs) each school year. Other advocates of the child (relatives, close friends of the family, etc.) may work together to earn the annual 25 PVCs. Individuals who volunteer at GCEC must complete a background check with the Baldwin County Board of Education.
   1. If the household is unable to earn 25 credits during one academic year, the enrolled child will be placed on probation, and a PVC Plan will be established with the parent(s) to support the household in earning the 25 PVCs.
   2. If the household is unable to earn the 25 credits during the following academic year, the enrolled child will be closely monitored to ensure he/she is not negatively impacted by the parents’ lack of involvement, and returning to the home school campus may be considered.
2. **Grades:** Maintain passing overall averages with the goal of 2.5 (80) or higher to ensure potential dual enrollment.
   1. High school students not on track with earning the required number of credits (based upon their school systems requirements) to remain on track for graduation will be placed on academic probation. A review will take place at the end of each semester to determine continuation at GCEC or return to home school.
3. **Promotion:** Meets local board criteria for promotion.
4. **Discipline:** An overall positive disciplinary record is evident.
5. **Positive Attitude:** Demonstrate a positive attitude towards learning as exemplified by timely completion of assignments, participation in class, and respectful work with peers and faculty.
6. **Withdrawal:** Any student who returns to his/her home campus may be prohibited from returning to the early college program. This would apply to students who leave voluntarily as well as those who do not meet the continuation policy.
7. **Dual Enrollment:** Students who do not qualify for a dual enrollment program by the end of their 10th grade, may return to their home school.
8. **Re-enrollment**: Re-enrollment will be considered based upon space availability and the current enrollment criteria.

***Approved***

***Georgia College Early College Governance Board***

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