



## REACH

## Signing Day

During the fall, REACH Georgia is given statewide recognition through press releases, social media and occasionally live media coverage as new scholars are inducted into the program. We welcome new students to the REACH S scholarship program

The REACH Signing ceremony, students and their families commit to satisfying the program requirements, graduating from high school, and enrolling in a college or university. They sign during this ceremonial occasion agreeing to program requirements much like athletic signing ceremonies. The REACH Signing Day held at your school is the perfect opportunity to engage community stakeholders and supporters. Consider inviting your elected officials, local Chamber of Commerce representatives, potential donors, your local scholar selection committee, etc. to share in welcoming our future college graduates and workforce leaders in Georgia!

While REACH signing ceremonies vary from system to system, below is a sample agenda that can serve as a general guide for your event. We look forward to your school system.

### Sample REACH Signing Day Agenda

- I. Welcome and Occasion (5 min) – *Superintendent or designee*
  - [REACH Program Background Information](#)
- II. Recognition of Board, Distinguished Guests, Elected Officials (5 min) – *Superintendent or designee*
- III. Remarks by Guest Speaker (5-7 min) – *typically school systems ask an elected official to speak*
- IV. Signing Ceremony (10-15 min) – *Superintendent or designee*
  - REACH Program Signing Ceremony Instructions (*See below.*)
  - Students are called by name; student signs commitment form; parent/guardian signs commitment form
- V. Closing (2 min) – *Superintendent or designee*
- VI. Photo opportunities for families and community members
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## REACH Program Signing Ceremony Instructions

*Typically, this segment is led by the Superintendent or designee.*

- At this time, we will induct the REACH Cohort of \_\_\_\_\_.
- REACH Scholars, I would like to walk you through your obligations and responsibilities.
- The contract that you are about to sign requires that you:
  - Maintain an overall 2.5 HOPE-calculated GPA throughout high school
  - Have good attendance
  - Have good behavior and remain drug and crime free
  - Meet with your assigned mentor twice a month
  - Meet with your assigned academic coach at least once each month
  - Attend REACH events, meetings and programs
  - Engage in activities to prepare for college
  - Graduate from high school with a diploma
  - Enroll in and graduate from Georgia HOPE-eligible postsecondary institution
- **REACH Scholars:** before we sign, please signify “I will” as I administer the following charges:
  - Will you commit to keeping good grades, attendance and behavior, meeting with your mentor and academic coach, graduating from high school and college?
  - [pause for response]
- **REACH Parents and Guardians:** will you commit to supporting your students as they progress through the program. Will you also commit to attending REACH events, meetings and programs, contacting your student’s academic coach or counselor if there are issues you believe should be addressed?
  - [pause for response]
- **School System and Community Members:** it is incumbent on us to affirm our willingness to support these REACH Scholars in their journey to adulthood. Will you commit to supporting these REACH Scholars with your time, talent and treasure as they progress through the REACH program and into college and careers?
  - [pause for response]
- It is now time for the students and parents to sign your Commitment Forms.
- **Congratulations, REACH Georgia Scholars, Parents and Guardians!**