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Dear Ms.

I am writing to follow-up to an inquiry you recently submitted to the Board of Regents regarding the University System of Georgia (USG) policies pertaining to home-school students wishing to enroll as joint-enrollment students in a USG institution. At that time, we informed you that a committee had been charged with reviewing the policies as they pertain to the admission of home-school students as joint enrollment students and we were awaiting their recommendations.

We are pleased to be able to inform you that the committee recognized the importance of adapting the USG policy to provide home-school students with the opportunity to supplement their home-school curriculum with joint enrollment course work. The committee recommended the following changes be made to the *Administrative Procedures for Implementing Admissions Policy* found in the Academic Affairs Policy Manual and these changes received the support of the Academic Affairs Subcommittee during the January 2009 meeting of the Board of Regents:

Students attending non-accredited home school programs or non-accredited high schools may also be eligible to participate in the joint enrollment program if they meet all regular System and institutional joint enrollment requirements and can validate their on-track, Required High School Curriculum (RHSC) units in accordance with the policy of the institution to which they are applying.

Homeschooled students seeking admission as joint enrolled must meet the System's minimum standards (<http://www.usg.edu/academics/handbook/section3/301-310/301-310.phtml#n3.01.01C6>) for joint enrollment as well as any additional requirements defined by the individual institution. Participation in this program is not mandatory and institutions can set higher than the System joint enrollment requirements for all students.

Homeschooled students are not eligible for ACCEL funds.

Effective Fall 2009, USG institutions are permitted to enroll any home-school student who meets System and institutional joint enrollment admission requirements. Thank you again for providing us with the opportunity to better serve our state's home-school students. We hope that your son or daughter will be able to take advantage of this policy change.

Sincerely,

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