

Preparing for College with 4-H

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Introduction

Georgia 4-H can play a big part in helping our 4-Hers prepare for college and future success. Most 4-H lesson plans are targeted for the 4th-6th grade audience. Five lesson plans were developed specifically for high school students addressing their need to prepare for college. The majority of high school students at Hancock Central felt a lack of knowledge in steps to continue their education. These lessons have been taught at Hancock Central High School since 2017 with great success.

The Lesson Plans

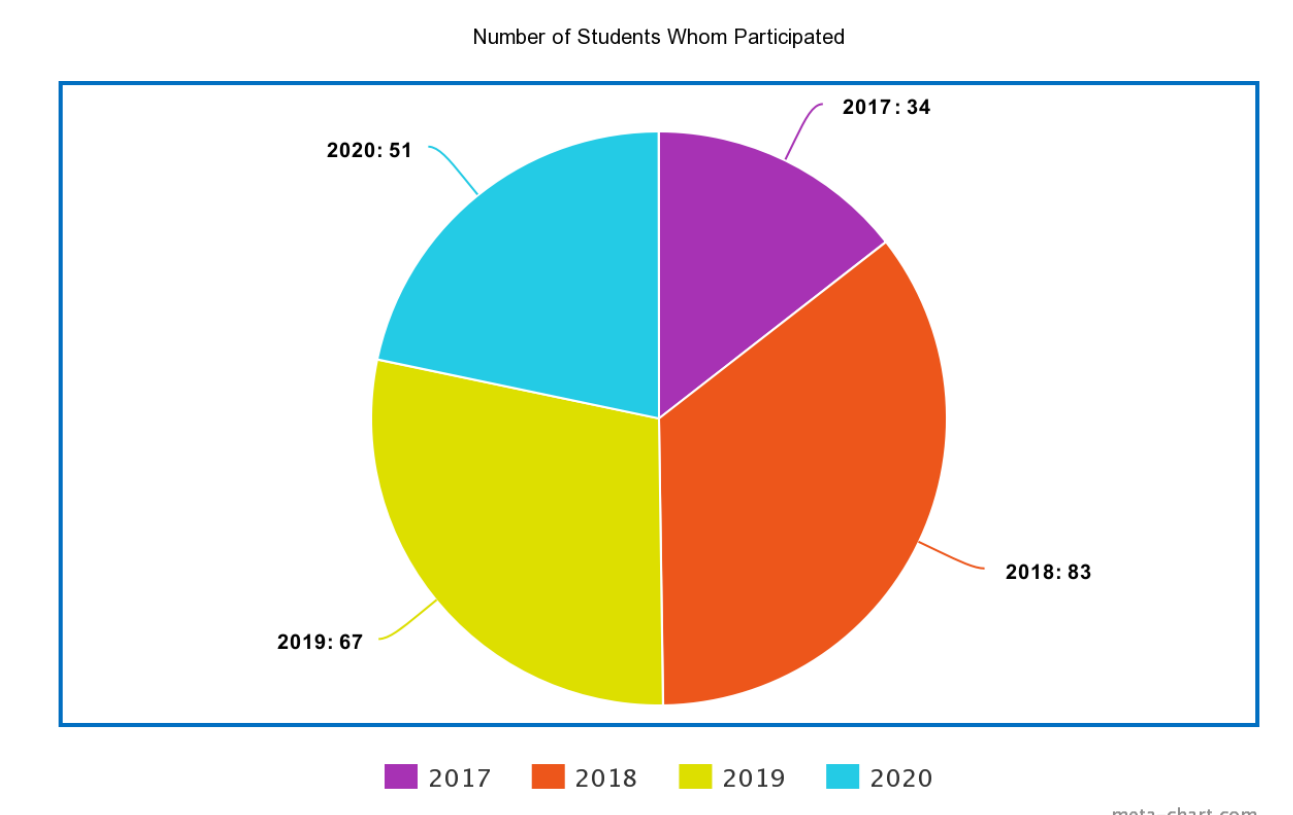
Most students have aspirations after high school that include continuing their education in College. Hancock Central High School students lacked the guidance in planning for their future. They felt they did not know what steps, requirements, and planning goes into attending college. The lesson plans are:

1. How 4-H can help you reach your college goals.
2. College Preparation Check List
3. College: SAT/PSAT requirements & planning
4. College: Career Choices & Majors
5. College: Paying for It

Method



A total of 235 high school students have completed the 4-H course in preparing for college since 2017 at Hancock Central High School. The students ranged from 9th-12th grade.



Results



4Hers in grades 9th-12th grade in Hancock County revealed a lack of knowledge about preparing for College. Based upon the feedback, 4-Hers noted a need for more community service, leadership, and involvement with 4-H for opportunities to build better portfolios. 100% of the students reported gaining knowledge that will help them prepare for future success.

Conclusion

4-H can play an important role in preparing Hancock County 4-Hers for college, scholarship opportunities, and success after high school. 4-Hers who participated in the program have a better knowledge of what colleges are looking for on scholarship applications and what opportunities 4-H offers to meet those requirements. Students are aware of the items they need to collect before applying for colleges and scholarships such as transcripts, essays, and recommendation letters. Hancock high school students know what their college preferences require for SAT scores and how to raise their SAT scores. The 4-Hers have studied their career choices, what education is required, how many years of school, and what the pay range is. Most importantly Hancock County 4-Hers are aware of the cost of their education to reach their career path and are working diligently with 4-H to produce outstanding portfolios that will help them obtain funding for college.