



# Internship Program Information Students & Parents

*Internships Light the Path to Our Future*

## Internship Overview

### What is the Fulton County Internship Program?

The FCS Internship Program collaborates with community partners to engage students in authentic career exploration opportunities, leading to college and career readiness. This program has been placing students in internships in the metro Atlanta area for over 30 years.

### Who are Fulton County Schools' student interns?

Student interns are juniors and seniors who are enrolled in the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) and are passionate about exploring various careers of interest prior to going to college. Our students are intrinsically motivated students who want to know how their current interests are practiced in the real world.

### Why should a student be interested in having an internship?

The Internship Program gives students the opportunity to explore their career interests and develop their skills in the work place through hands-on, real life experiences. An internship also provides students with a mentor in their field of interest who can provide guidance about what their educational next steps should be in order to prepare for a career in this field.

### Which students are eligible to take the Internship course in high school?

Juniors and seniors seniors who are in the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) and have earned at least a 90 or above unweighted GPA. Interns are required to complete an application process and interview. Students receive academic credit for these unpaid internships. The Internship course is considered to be a high-level elective course, so students must have a demonstrated ability to complete work at high levels in order to take the course.

## Matching Students with a Host Site

### How are students matched with a host site for their Internship?

Once students are accepted into the internship program, they will work with the internship teacher and internship advisor to find a site that aligns with their career interests. Throughout this process, the student meets with their Internship Program Teacher to discuss their interests and then the Internship Program Advisor matches that student with one of our collaborating partners.

### What happens after a match between a business and an intern has been made?

The Internship Program Advisor will set up a Site Placement interview at the business location. The intern, the site supervisor, and the Internship Program Advisor all attend this interview. This generally takes place in the first few weeks of the semester. Once this interview is successfully completed, the internship can begin.

### Where will my internship take place?

Typically, students leave campus the last period of the day to go to their internship sites. In some cases, employees who work remotely are willing to take a remote intern. However, these internships, while possible, are not the norm, and cannot be guaranteed.

### Do I have to provide transportation to the internship site?

Yes. Students must provide their own transportation. If the student does not yet hold a driver's license or does not have access to a car, public transportation can be used, or parents can provide transportation.

## Preparing to Become an FCS Intern

### I am interested! How can I learn more?

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