

Dear Gifted Students and Parents:

As registration for the 2024-2025 school year approaches, we want to make you aware of an elective opportunity for Gifted Juniors and Seniors: The Gifted Internship Program.

Gifted Internship is an elective class offered exclusively to TAG Juniors and Seniors. The FCS Gifted Internship Program collaborates with community partners to place students in professional internships where students will engage in authentic career exploration opportunities. The Gifted Internship program employs Career Advisors who work to secure and place students in Internships aligning with the students' career goals.

By participating in the Gifted Internship Program, students benefit from the following:

- Experiencing firsthand the realities involved in a particular profession.
- Deciding and planning their future on the basis of facts gained from experience.
- Developing networking skills while networking with professionals.
- Receiving professional evaluations from supervisors and reflecting on personal growth.
- Setting professional goals and working to attain them.

Informational Meeting:

There will be an informational meeting for rising 11th and 12th graders tomorrow (Thursday, January 11) during 4th and 5th lunch in Hubs 281/283. [This is a change from the original announced location.]

Prerequisites:

Student must be a rising Junior or Senior

Student must have an unweighted GPA of 90 or higher

Student must be enrolled in the FCS Gifted Program (TAG)

Student must have room in schedule to take the Internship course

Application

Gifted students meeting the prerequisite requirements interested in participating in the Gifted Internship Program will need to complete an application, obtain a teacher recommendation and participate in an interview. These applications will be reviewed by a committee at each school.

The application will be made available this Friday, January 12 to students in Microsoft Teams.

A hard copy of the completed application must be turned in to the designated spot in the front office by Friday, February 2 at 4pm. No late applications will be accepted.

FAQ:

How are students approved to participate in the Gifted Internship program?

Students will be approved for internship based upon their application responses; academic, attendance and discipline records; schedule; teacher recommendation and interview.

When will students be informed whether they have been selected for the Gifted Internship program and is anything further required to be enrolled in the Internship course?

Students will be notified in February whether they have been selected to participate in the internship program. Approved students will attend a group interview with FCS Career Advisors as well as a resume writing workshop to prepare for site placement interviews.

How many internships can a student complete through the Gifted Internship Program?

Internships are semester long. Students can participate in up to four internships, two during their junior year and two during their senior year. Students will be encouraged to explore a different internship and/or career field each semester.

Will the school provide transportation for my student to get to their internship?

No. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the Internship site.

Will I get paid for my internship?

Internships are unpaid. The student receives GA High School Graduation Credits for their efforts in lieu of financial compensation.

What if I don't have room in my course schedule to take Internship as a class?

Internship is a class and students MUST have room in their academic schedule to take the Internship class. It cannot be a "zero" period or lunch period.

Can I participate in Internship if I participate in extracurricular activities?

Possibly. This will be determined on an individual basis based on the student's academic and extracurricular schedule. Students will be required to have a 2-3 hour block of uninterrupted time they can commit to attending their off campus internship several days per week.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Brown at BrownD12@fultonschools.org