

# Governor's Honors Program Summer 2024



**What is GHP?** The Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a four-week summer residential instructional program designed to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented high school students challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year. Activities are designed to provide each participant with opportunities to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to become independent, lifelong learners.

**Who can participate?** Rising juniors & seniors in Georgia's public, private, and home schools (current 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders)

**Program dates:** 4 weeks from June 16<sup>th</sup>-July 13<sup>th</sup> Students may not arrive late or leave early for any reason. Only students who can commit to the entire program should apply.

**Location:** Georgia Southern University

**Who pays for the program?** Funds for each student's tuition, room, board, and instructional supplies are appropriated each year by the Georgia General Assembly as part of the state's education budget. Students need only provide spending money and travel expenses.

## What are the instructional areas?

| Academic   | Fine Arts   | CTAE  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Math</li><li>• Social Studies</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Communicative Arts (Language Arts)</li><li>• World Languages:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ French, German, Spanish</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dance</li><li>• Music (Instrument &amp; Vocal)</li><li>• Theater (Performance &amp; Design)</li><li>• Visual Arts</li></ul> | (Career, Technology, & Agricultural Ed.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engineering<br/>Students must be nominated in one subarea:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Design</li><li>▪ Mechanical &amp; Electrical Engineering/Mechatronics</li><li>▪ Software Engineering</li></ul></li></ul> |
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**Finalists:** Lassiter students are some of the most motivated, well-prepared and gifted students in the state, so we usually have a good representation of LHS students who are chosen to attend GHP. However, the program seeks to involve students from every part of the state, so our students are really competing against others with similar opportunities and skills from the North Metro area.

The biggest challenges for candidates at the state level are sharing their enthusiasm for the subject and communicating their desire to attend GHP to the interviewer in 20 minutes or less. Everyone who makes it to the State Interview is a terrific student with outstanding qualifications. Candidates must convince a stranger that they would be a greater asset to the program than the other high achievers vying for the same opportunity. The interview process is very subjective and therefore, difficult for which to prepare. Candidates never know what will be asked of them.

**How are instructors chosen?** GHP Instructors are among the most qualified high school and college teachers. They are chosen according to their experience and recommendations. The GHP teacher-to-student ratio is usually 1:15.

**What other activities are offered?** During the first week at GHP, students select a minor area to study. In addition to the major and minor areas of study, students select to attend extracurricular activities from the nearly 100 educational seminars offered each week. These afternoon and evening activities are delivered by, and reflect the interests and abilities of, the GHP residential and instructional staff. Arts performances such as music concerts, theatre and dance productions, and visual arts shows go on throughout the summer and are provided by the GHP students, GHP faculty, and special guest artists.

**What schedule will a student usually follow?** While time schedules vary, the following is similar to the schedule students will experience. The times are approximate:

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| Interest area | 1 hour  | Minor area    | 2.5 hours  |
| Breakfast     | 1 hour  | Interest area | 1.5 hours  |
| Major area    | 4 hours | Dinner        | 1 hour   |
| Lunch         | 1 hour  | Evening       | 4 hours (performances, seminars, special events) |

**Questions:** Students and parents are NOT to contact the State or County coordinators with questions. Please direct questions to the school coordinators: Academics – [Courteney.Hinkson@cobbk12.org](mailto:Courteney.Hinkson@cobbk12.org), Fine Arts – [Chelsea.Green@cobbk12.org](mailto:Chelsea.Green@cobbk12.org), and Tech (CTAE) – [Kurt.Rinehimer@cobbk12.org](mailto:Kurt.Rinehimer@cobbk12.org)

## Nomination Guidelines

- Students are nominated or apply in a specific instructional area in which their abilities, aptitudes and interest lie.
- GHP Progression: LHS Department Interview → LHS School-wide Interview → Cobb County/District Interview → Application “Graded” on the State level → State Interview
- Students may interview at the department level for as many disciplines as desired. Students are limited to two fields for the school-wide interviews and **only one for the County interviews**. This includes fine arts nominees. Students may not move to the County level in more than 1 area: Academics, CTAE, Fine Arts.
- A score on the PSAT or SAT is required for selection and participation in the **math and science** program.
- Transcripts of grades are submitted with the application
- Communicative Arts and Foreign Language nominees may be required to produce a writing sample at the district and statewide interviews. Science nominees will be given a set of facts and asked to create a research proposal. Fine Arts students will perform at the County level and send a video performance for the State application.
- Students should NOT schedule ACTs or SATs that conflict with the state interview date.

**Academic Applications** are due 9/17 by 11:59 pm. Applicants cannot be interviewed without submitting an application

**Academic Department Interviews** are by sign-up from September 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

**Academic School-Wide Interviews** will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> before and after school.

**Academic and CTAE County Interviews:** Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Campbell HS

**Fine Arts County Interviews / Auditions:** Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Pebblebrook HS

**State-Wide Interviews:** Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at Georgia Southern University

## Immediate Actions Required:

- Be sure your summer schedule is clear for the dates of the program.
  - **Academics** – Sign up for a department interview today or tomorrow. Go to: [www.lassiterghp.weebly.com](http://www.lassiterghp.weebly.com) and click “Academics” for your next steps.
  - **Fine Arts** - Go to: [www.lassiterghp.weebly.com](http://www.lassiterghp.weebly.com) and click “Fine Arts” for your next steps. See Ms. Green in the Chorus Room for information about what to do next.
  - **CTAE** – See Mr. Rinehimer in room 504/506 about what to do next. Go to: [www.lassiterghp.weebly.com](http://www.lassiterghp.weebly.com) and click “CTAE” for your next steps

# What to Do Next

**Today or Tomorrow:**

## **Sign up for a Department interview**

**Department Interviews: September 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**, before, during or after school.

Students will be interviewed by Lassiter teachers from the content area to which the student applies. Complete the online application ([www.lassiterghp.weebly.com](http://www.lassiterghp.weebly.com)). **If you are going to continue with the process you MUST sign-up for text messages. Text number 81010 with the message @GHPLHS**

**Contacts and locations for Dept. Interview Sign Ups:**

- **Communicative Arts** – see Dr. Brown in room 321
- **Math** – Sign up for an interview time on the bulletin board outside room 214. Teacher contact- Mr. O'Dell
- **Science** – Sign up for an interview time outside room 1306. Teacher contact – Mrs. Koester
- **Social Studies** – Sign up for an interview time in room 810. Teacher contact- Ms. Colasurdo and Mr. Minich
- **World Languages** – Sign-up for an interview time on the wall next to room 804. Teacher contact - Sra. Nye
- **CTAE (Engineering)** – see Mr. Rinehimer in room 504/506. CTAE students will work with him through the rest of the process.
- **Fine Arts** – see Ms. Green in Chorus room. Fine Arts students will work with her through the rest of the process.