

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS INNOVATION ACADEMY



When will Innovation Academy open? Which students are eligible to come to Innovation Academy? Innovation Academy will open in August 2021. Students who live in the Alpharetta, Cambridge, Centennial, Chattahoochee, Johns Creek, Milton, North Springs, Northview, Riverwood or Roswell High School clusters will be eligible to attend Innovation Academy.

How many students will be accepted when the school opens?

Innovation Academy will open with 9th and 10th grades in August 2021 with a total of 900 students (450 in each grade).

What are the entrance requirements?

Our focus is on enrolling students who will thrive in an environment that focuses on creative thinking and who have a passion to study STEM-related coursework; therefore, there are no specific entrance requirements such as passing a particular test or having a specific GPA. However, students entering for the 10th grade year are encouraged to take an introductory pathway course in Healthcare Science, IT, or Engineering.

What makes Innovation Academy different from other Fulton County schools?

Innovation Academy will allow students to take knowledge from standards gained in core courses and apply them to CTAE pathway courses using design thinking problem-solving. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a robust advisory program along with the possibility to participate in internships or work-based learning as upperclassmen. Students can experience a multitude of college-style classes and participate and guide their own learning.

Are there different curriculum requirements than other Fulton County schools?

Students who attend Innovation Academy will be expected to complete the necessary course requirements for one CTAE pathway. In addition, all students will take AP Seminar and AP Research in 10th and 11th grades. Students will also take personal fitness and health through a blended model.

Is bus transportation provided?

While parents are welcome to provide their own transportation for students, bus transportation will be provided from the students' home school to Innovation Academy in the morning and then bus transportation from Innovation Academy back to the students' home school in the afternoon.

Will there be extra-curricular activities?

While there will not be GHSA athletics or band/orchestra, there will be many clubs with STEM-related focuses, such as robotics, gaming, and environmental science as examples. There also will be national student organizations to join, such as FBLA (business) and HOSA (health science), as well as class council.

Can I participate in extra-curricular activities at my home school?

No. Students will not be able to participate in activities at their home school.

What is the deadline to apply to attend Innovation Academy?

Applications will be made available from October to December of 2020 through the schools' websites. Students will be notified of acceptance in February 2021.

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