

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Innovation Academy



### **Which students are eligible to come to Innovation Academy?**

*Rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who live in the Alpharetta, Cambridge, Centennial, Chattahoochee, Johns Creek, Milton, North Springs, Northview, Riverwood or Roswell High School clusters are eligible.*

### **How many students will be accepted?**

*We will be excited to welcome approximately 350-400 rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students for the following school year! Unfortunately, we are only allowed to accept rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.*

### **What are the entrance requirements?**

*Our focus is on enrolling students who are creative thinkers and design-minded! Students who have a passion for STEM-related coursework will love what we have to offer at Innovation Academy. We welcome all students to apply for a unique and transcendent learning experience!*

### **What makes Innovation Academy different from other Fulton County schools?**

*Innovation Academy will allow students to take on real-world problems while applying them with pathway courses to make a true impact on problem solving applications. Students will have opportunities to take on work-based learning as an upperclassman which can lead to provisional certifications in the areas of healthcare, engineering, and IT.*

*Students will be able to guide their own learning experience while gaining real-life experiences and becoming a dynamic learner.*

### **Are there different curriculum requirements than other Fulton County schools?**

*What makes us different is the way we approach learning. Our learning is innovative and prepares students for real life experiences. Our pathways leading to certification allow students to join a dynamic world of progressive thinkers upon graduation.*

*Graduation requirements are consistent with all Fulton County Schools. However, we do have additional requirements for our IA students which include the GT block for our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and a research class for all juniors.*

### **Career Tech Requirements**

*All IA students complete a career tech pathway during their four years at Innovation Academy. A career tech pathway is a three-year series of classes in a major area. We offer CTAE classes in Engineering, Health Sciences, and Information Technology.*

*After the third-year course, our students are offered the opportunity to take industry specific exams that have been approved by the district. While the specific exams offered each year vary, examples of previous exam include the National Health Science Assessment, Engineering Technology, Computer Programming, Game Design, Biotechnology, and Patient Care CPCT.*



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## **Is bus transportation provided?**

*Yes! Transportation will be provided from your student's home school to Innovation Academy in the morning and in the afternoon. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from their students' assigned home school.*

## **Will there be extra-curricular activities?**

*Yes! Currently we offer over 80 clubs to all our students.*

*Click the link below to see what clubs IA is currently offering all our students.*

<https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/7350>

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

*Yes! Students may participate in GHSA sanctioned sports at their home school. E-Sports is the only exception as we currently have an E-Sports team that competes in GHSA.*

*We offer flexible scheduling options for students who play sports at their home school.*


## **What is the deadline to apply to attend Innovation Academy?**

*Applications will be accepted from Nov 15, 2023-Jan 15, 2024, with notification of admission in the mid-February time range. Please check our website for application information. <https://www.counseling.fcsia.com/application-process>*

**All other inquiries** please visit our website at <https://www.fultonschools.org/ia> or email [innovationacademy@fultonschools.org](mailto:innovationacademy@fultonschools.org)

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