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Good afternoon IA families,

Thank you for your patience as we've consolidated course recommendations across all of our feeder schools.

We are sending this email to provide information on our course verification/scheduling process. Please take some time to read through the entire email.

Below is the timeline for reviewing course verifications. If you have not submitted your Supplemental (Electives) Course form please do that now at <https://bit.ly/3aFOuEr>.

- March 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> course verification emailed to families
- March 8 – Course verifications due to IA through a digital form
- March 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> verification emailed to families
- March 16-22 – Waiver period for advancement in course rigor
- March 22 – Course verifications and waiver forms due to IA through digital form
- April 21 – Final course selections sent to families (no changes)

The first course verification email will include a link to a verification correction form. This correction form is only to be used if an incorrect course is on the verification form (examples include if you completed a class then you may indicate the next course you wish to take, or you have decided on a different elective). **This form is not to be used to waive into a higher level class.**

All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the GT Block course on their 1<sup>st</sup> course verification form. This block course covers the first level course in each of the three pathways. If you have taken the first level course in a pathway and wish to continue with that pathway you may elect to take the second level course. **Please indicate that on the verification correction form.**

10<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the pathway course that they selected on their Supplemental Course form or the GT Block course if they are undecided on their pathway. If you have not completed your Supplemental Course form please do that now at <https://bit.ly/3aFOuEr>.

All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, and those 9<sup>th</sup> graders that have completed 10<sup>th</sup> Lit, will be placed in the AP Seminar course. 10<sup>th</sup> grade students that have not taken 10<sup>th</sup> grade Lit will receive credit for 10<sup>th</sup> Lit through this AP Seminar course. AP Lang will not be offered in the 21-22 school year.

The academic waiver process will begin with the 2<sup>nd</sup> verification form. There will be a link to the waiver form with the 2<sup>nd</sup> verification. We want to see all our students challenge themselves, but we want to ensure students and parents fully understand the impact of taking classes teachers do not feel they are prepared to take. This form will ensure students and parents make informed

decisions.

Sophomore Waiver for Pathways:

Students entering 10th grade will have two options for their pathway.

1. Ga Tech Block class to explore the introductory level courses for each pathway. This will let our students choose their pathway at the end of their sophomore year. While we are excited to offer this course, it's important to note that this will require students to finish their pathway during their senior year. This will reduce some opportunities for dual enrollment or internships.
2. For our inaugural sophomore class, students who are excited about a particular pathway and have yet to take the first-year course of that pathway will have the option to choose that pathway and take the first and second level courses together and complete them in one year. *Students who choose this option will be asked to spend an additional six hours a month to meet the standards of both courses.* Specific details about the additional work will be shared at the beginning of next year for the specific courses.

If you are interested in the second option, you will have the opportunity to mark this choice on the first course verification. We wanted to let you know about this opportunity now, so you and your student have time to consider it.

*This option is possible for the following course offerings:*

Healthcare Science

Introduction to Healthcare Science and Essentials of Biotechnology

Introduction to Healthcare Science and Essentials of Healthcare

Information Technology

Introduction to Digital Technology and AP Computer Science Principles

Engineering

Foundations of Engineering and Engineering Concepts

Summer School Information:

Summer school is **not** required for the following courses, however some students may choose to take these courses over the summer:

Personal Fitness

Health

American Government (if not taking AP Government in the fall).

Students will always have one virtual period so they will be able to take the PE/Health courses during the school year in one of their later grades.

In a very few cases is it essential that students take Summer School for remediation through credit recovery of failed courses or other courses as determined in consultation with the IA Counselor.

For Students currently attending a Fulton County Public School. Please follow your current

school's guidance on summer school registration and click on your current school (NOT IA) when it asks where you attend. For any courses outside of PE/Health, the current school counselor will need to check with the IA counselor for approval.

For Non-FCS students: Your current school counselor (not the IA counselor) will approve your courses and you will need to register through GAVS. They will consult with IA to ensure it is the correct placement for the summer.

All costs for summer school are the responsibility of the family. There are no costs for credit recovery. Registration for Fulton Virtual will begin March 1, 2021, and Georgia Virtual School opens on May 1, 2021.

For any questions on summer school or any other information in this email please email [innovationacademy@fultonschools.org](mailto:innovationacademy@fultonschools.org).

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