

Advanced Learning Options

Advanced Learning Programs/Gifted Services

Gifted and advanced high school students are provided an array of options designed to bring students of high academic potential to the realization of that potential. Academic options include honors classes, Advanced Placement (AP) classes, magnet programs, gifted resource courses, and post-secondary enrollment. Additionally, students may apply for competitive programs such as Governor's Honors.

Gifted Services: Requirements for gifted eligibility are determined by state rule and include standardized test criteria as well as performance criteria. Students eligible for gifted services in other Georgia schools are also eligible in Cobb County Public Schools upon verification of records. Students, parents, and teachers can submit a request for gifted assessment. More information is available from local schools.

Honors courses are available at all CCSD high schools. These courses are taught at a more challenging level than regular college-prep courses. Student enrollment is based upon demonstrated strength in the content area. These courses provide excellent preparation for AP and IB courses. Due to the increased challenge these courses provide, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students typically earn an extra .5 quality point for successful completion of these courses.

Advanced Placement: The College Board's Advanced Placement (AP®) program allows students to pursue college level studies while still in high school. The College Board partners with colleges and universities to develop an appropriately challenging curriculum, to create college-level assessments, and to train teachers to deliver instruction that meets college-level standards. Students who receive a qualifying score of 3 or above on the national AP exam may earn college credit. Advanced Placement courses are offered at all Cobb County high schools. Cobb County Schools has an open enrollment policy for Advanced Placement Courses. For more information, contact local school AP coordinator or counselor. Cobb County Schools has an open enrollment policy for Advanced Placement Courses.

Magnet programs exist in six of the district's high schools. Five programs are designed to provide a comprehensive program in a specialized academic area for motivated and highly able students. The performing arts program specializes in developing and nurturing talented young artists for successful careers in the performing arts. Students apply during their eighth grade year. Interested students and parents should visit the district website or contact individual magnet coordinators for further information.

http://www.cobbk12.org/schools/magnet_schools.htm

Gifted resource courses offer opportunities for academic study with interdisciplinary enrichment. Participating students must be eligible for gifted services. These courses are available at high schools based upon available resources. School counseling offices can provide more information.

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID): This unique elective course aims to build college readiness and prepare students for college success. AVID instruction emphasizes writing, inquiry, collaboration, and reading directed toward developing students' higher-level thinking skills. AVID challenges students to take the next step in academic rigor by enrolling in honors and Advanced Placement courses. Students are accepted to the program through an application and interview process. Currently 13 district high schools offer this program. Contact local school for additional information.

Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a summer opportunity for talented students. Selection occurs through a nomination and interview process conducted by the district. Sophomores and juniors are eligible to participate in the competition which culminates in a six-week summer program of study hosted by Valdosta State University. Additional information is available at the local school.

National Merit and National Achievement Scholarships are open only to students who take the PSAT/NMQST in their eleventh grade year and complete questions 13-14 on the answer document. More information is available at <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>.