

Xanadu Summer Program Dates		
Today: 02/07/2020	Start Date	End Date
2020 ONLINE REGISTRATION	02/10/2020	03/06/2020
Acceptance Notification	03/23/2020	03/23/2020
Course Selection	03/23/2020	04/12/2020
Course Placement Notification & Payment	04/20/2020	05/15/2020

**Programs:** Xanadu 2020 Elementary Program for rising 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students  
 Xanadu 2020 Middle/High Program for rising 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Where:** Sammye E. Coan Building                      Ralph J. Bunche Middle School (APS or APS-Charter students only)  
 1550 Hosea L. Williams Dr. NE                      1925 Niskey Lake Rd. SW  
 Atlanta, GA 30317                                      Atlanta, GA 30331

**Dates:** Monday, June 1 - Thursday, June 25, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
 Session I – June 1–12  
 Session II – June 15 – 25

**Cost:** APS Students - \$150.00 (2 weeks)                      APS Students - \$300.00 (4 weeks)  
 Non-APS Students - \$300.00 (2 weeks)                      Non-APS Students - \$600.00 (4 weeks)

**Registration:** **ONLINE PROCESS** (<https://apsxanadu.org>)  
 Application process begins February 2020

**What is Xanadu?**

Xanadu is a summer enrichment program for gifted and high achieving students offered by the Office of Gifted and Talented Education in Atlanta Public Schools. The program began over twenty years ago for first through fifth grade students, later adding programming for sixth through twelfth graders.

Xanadu teachers take academic content and turn it into fun and exciting ways for students to be enriched while still enjoying the sunny days of summer! Students are allowed to select their courses that are focused on academics and fine arts/athletics. Course offerings include everything from courses like “Xtreme Xperiments” where students explore the science behind lava lamps to courses like “IMPACT” where students work to make a difference in their immediate community and understand the value of their civic contributions.

The program concludes with a culminating activity where parents and the community are presented with student work.

Get a glimpse of Xanadu here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLtpqK5-T60&t=1s>

Email additional questions to the Office of Gifted and Talented Education at [Xanadu\\_gifted@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:Xanadu_gifted@atlanta.k12.ga.us).

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**Who is eligible to participate in the Xanadu Summer Programs?**

All gifted and talented eligible/high achieving students in the metro Atlanta area who have successfully completed kindergarten through eleventh grade who also meet program criteria are eligible to participate.

**I am an APS employee; my child does not attend APS. Can I enroll my child in the Xanadu Summer Programs?**

Yes, children of APS employees are eligible to apply for acceptance into the program as long as they meet program criteria. Students of APS employees pay the APS student rate but do not qualify for scholarships.

**Can students of APS charter schools participate in the Xanadu Summer Programs?**

Yes, children of APS charter schools are eligible to apply for acceptance into the program as long as they meet program criteria. Charter students pay the APS student rate but do not qualify for scholarships.

**What documents are considered for acceptance into the Xanadu Summer Programs?**

Xanadu is designed for gifted and high-achieving students. Supporting documentation is required which includes a teacher or principal's recommendation AND any one of the following which must be loaded at the time of registration. Students for whom neither are received will not be considered for acceptance.

- gifted eligibility report
- most recent test scores (For example: Milestones, MAP, STAR, or ITBS)
- most recent report card/progress report

*\*\*\*APS gifted identified students are not required to upload any additional documents.*

**What will I need to have in hand before I begin registration?**

You will need a teacher or principal's email address. We will email them a request to complete an online student recommendation. If your student is an APS student, you will need the student number associated with your child (this is usually your child's lunch number and/or the number they use to log into the APS computer system.) We will not be able to provide this number. You will also need the piece(s) of supporting documentation, referenced above, ready to be uploaded into the portal.

**What if I need help with online registration, do not have internet access, or do not have a computer at home?**

For internet or computer support, every school in APS has a parent center. Please contact your local school. Computer support is also available at your local library.

**New This Year!** Please use the **Contact Us** button on the Xanadu website if you have additional questions regarding the online application or the registration process. You may also reach the Office of Gifted and Talented Education at (404) 802-7585 or at [Xanadu\\_gifted@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:Xanadu_gifted@atlanta.k12.ga.us). Our office hours are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

**What if I do not have a method of payment for online processing?**

In-person payment can be made at the Sammye E. Coan Building located at 1550 Hosea L. Williams Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30317 on Friday, May 15, 2020 from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. Money orders/cashier's checks are the only acceptable forms of payment and must be made out to Atlanta Public Schools. Include the student's name in the memo section. For accounting purposes, separate elementary program payments from middle/high program payments.

**When will I receive notification verifying my child's acceptance or non-acceptance into the program?**

Acceptance or non-acceptance is based on the teacher or principal's recommendation, a completed application, and program criteria listed above. Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance to the program can be accessed through the online portal (<https://apsxanadu.org>) during the week of March 23, 2020.

### **How are the instructional programs organized?**

Daily instruction is a combination of academic and fine arts/athletics courses.

### **Can I register my child for one week in Session I and one week in Session II?**

No, courses are designed as mini-courses to be taught in two consecutive weeks.

Session I – June 1-12

Session II – June 15-25

### **Is transportation provided to the Xanadu Summer Programs?**

- Limited transportation is provided at the Bunche site only.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide transportation for the Coan location.

### **What is the registration process for the Xanadu?**

1. Specific instructions for online registration as well as a video tutorial will be provided to walk you through the online registration process. Continue to monitor the website at <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/gifted> for additional information.
2. Online payment will include a **4.0% non-refundable credit card/debit card vendor processing fee**. Online School Payments is a service that is provided by OSMS and its affiliates. Other than the receipt of payments made by you (less applicable fees charged by us and the credit card company), neither the school district, the school, nor any individuals employed by the school district profit from this service.

### **Will my student be placed in their 1st choice course?**

Xanadu 2020 is excited to offer programming at two locations: Xanadu West at Ralph J. Bunche Middle School and Xanadu East at the Sammie E. Coan Building. As such, the program will offer a large selection of exciting summer courses.

Courses are assigned based on the completion of the full registration process: application, payment and course selection. Once a class is full, course placement will be based on second choice, and possibly third choice. There is no guarantee of first choice course placement.

### **Can changes to classes be made once classes have been assigned?**

No. A specific student teacher ratio is maintained and changing classes disturbs the ratio. Classes will not be changed once confirmation letters have been sent. Once a class is full, course placement will be based on second choice, and possibly third choice. There is no guarantee of first choice course placement.

### **Is there a discount for families enrolling multiple children?**

No, multi-student discounts are not available.

### **How do I qualify for a tuition scholarship or a payment plan if I am experiencing financial hardship?**

There will be a place in the application for you to indicate financial need. Applicants do not submit any payment unless they have been accepted into the program. Final tuition payment is due no later than May 15, 2020. Applications missing payments should expect to be removed from the program.

Notification of scholarship awards will be communicated the week of April 20, 2020.

### **Is before care available for Xanadu Summer Programs?**

Yes, before care is available. Before care begins at 7:00 am for a drop-in fee of \$4.00 per student/per day. Atlanta Public Schools only accepts cash, money orders and cashier's checks. No personal checks.

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### **Is after care available for Xanadu Summer Programs?**

Yes, after care is available. After care is sponsored by Preferred School Care. [After care begins at 3:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm daily.](#) The after care program focuses on technology, visual arts, fitness and character education. After care program participants will receive an afternoon snack. The fee for after care is \$65.00 per week or a drop-in fee of \$15.00 per day. Preferred School Care is a private entity and accepts all forms of payment for their services. Please note that payments for before care and after care are separate from tuition.

### **Are school meals provided for Xanadu Summer Programs?**

The school meal program operates on site during the program. Atlanta Public School students and its charter school students eat breakfast and lunch at no charge during the program regardless of meal status during the academic year. Non APS students will be required to pay for meals at a rate of \$5.00 for each lunch and \$1.50 for each breakfast. Students will not be permitted to charge meals. Parents will be contacted in the event a student requires a meal but funds are not provided.

### **What is the policy regarding cancellation and refunds?**

**Cancellations:** Student applications can be cancelled by logging into the Xanadu portal. Select the student application you wish to cancel. Click the red cancellation button. Cancellation request(s) must be made by **May 15**.

**Refunds:** Please allow 15 days for refund processing.

- If you paid online, you will receive a full refund **minus** the credit card/debit card vendor processing fee.
- If you paid cash/money order in person, you will receive a full refund minus a \$30.00 processing fee per child.
- All refunds are in the form of a check that must be picked up in the Office of Gifted and Talented. Please bring identification when picking up your refund.