



August 2022

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to another wonderful school year! It is exciting to be working with our gifted and Talent Development students for the 2022-2023 school year. I am Mrs. L. Green, the gifted teacher at Hollis Innovation Academy. I will work to support the school's Gifted and Talent Development program by working with students utilizing the collaboration and resource models.

This year students will be working on various projects and assignments that will be differentiated to meet students' academic and social needs as gifted and Talent Development students, while aligning assignments and products to the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards, Georgia Standards of Excellence, and the Gifted and Talented Education Standards. I will work with the grade level content area teachers on your child's grade level teams as well as your student to support the mandates of the district's Gifted Program. I will also work to support additional enrichment programming to further enhance your student's academic pursuits through extension projects, extracurricular activities, and field trips.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's gifted/Talent Development education at Hollis. I can be reached at 404-802-8200.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Green

****Please note that Hollis is a Talent Development school and although all students in a gifted class may not be gifted identified, your student may have been placed in the class with gifted identified students to provide additional support and enrichment. However, placement throughout the year is not guaranteed if students do not make sufficient academic progress and/or we experience a class overload. Also, efforts are put into place to support those gifted and TD students through the testing process by exposing learners to gifted best practices and programming standards in the areas of Higher Order Thinking Skills, Leadership, Advanced Research Skills, Advanced Communication Skills, Creativity, Creative Problem Solving and Social Emotional Learning.**

For gifted students please reference The Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-4-2-.38 EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED STUDENTS for specifics regarding the state's programming expectations for gifted students located on the State DOE website. Please note that all gifted students are expected to maintain at least a B+ average (85) in all core content classes.

Gifted/Talent Development FYI

Recommended School Supply List:

See content course syllabus and elementary level school supply lists for basic supplies needed

Extra Supplies

Supplies for special activities/projects will be requested at the time items are needed

- Computer/electronic device with working internet

Special Projects/Activities

- **Passion Projects**: All gifted/TD students are asked to complete a Passion Project of their choice (that will have a technology emphasis). Information is posted on the Google Classroom page
- **One Million Word Challenge**: All gifted and TD students are asked to read 40 or more books OUTSIDE of their assigned class texts to access at least 1,000,000 new words this year. We will work collaboratively with the Media Center to fulfill our goals, but students should also read at home on their own.

Proposed Field trips via the Office of Gifted and Talented Education:

*Information regarding all field trips will be provided on a rolling basis throughout the year. Most gifted field trips incur a cost and are optional opportunities for students. Information will be posted on the gifted Google Classroom pages. **International travel during 2023 is currently scheduled for Europe and Japan for middle school students but are at a cost.**

Enrichment Activities:

Gifted Middle School Academic Bowl

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

Academic Fair (Science, Social Studies, Technology)

Georgia Student Media Festival

*Other clubs and organizations offered at Hollis Innovation Academy that support STEM/STEAM, athletics, and social engagement/development that align with your student's interests

**Gifted and Talent Development students are asked to participate in at least two or more of the enrichment opportunities offered (*all activities may not be offered this year).

***Many field trip opportunities have not yet been revamped, so information will be provided as it is received.