



Programs: Xanadu 2021 Elementary Program for rising 1st-5th grade students
Xanadu 2021 Middle/High Program for rising 6th-12th grade students

Where: Virtual

Dates: Wednesday, June 3 - Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Session I: Wed., June 3-Wed., June 16
Session II: Thurs., June 17- Wed., June 30

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 March 29, 2021

What is Xanadu Virtual?

Xanadu Virtual is a summer enrichment program for gifted and high achieving students offered by the Office of Gifted and Talented Education in Atlanta Public Schools. This 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 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>

Who is eligible to participate in the Xanadu Virtual Summer Program?

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

Email additional questions to the Office of Gifted and Talented Education at Xanadu_gifted@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

For regular updates visit: <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Gifted>

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

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.

Application Questions? 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. 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 21, 2021 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 April 21, 2021.

How is the virtual instructional program 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 3–16

Session II – June 17 – 30

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Is technology provided?

No. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide technology for virtual courses.

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 Virtual will offer a selection of exciting summer courses. Courses are assigned based on the completion of the full registration process: application, 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.

What is the policy regarding cancellation?

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 21, 2021**.

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 at the Office of Gifted and Talented. Please bring identification when picking up your refund.