

Xanadu Summer Programs Frequently Asked Questions

For regular updates visit the Office of Gifted and Talented Education's website at:
<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Gifted> A SUMMER PROGRAMS LINK WILL BE ADDED SOON!

Email any questions to Xanadu_Gifted@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

What: Xanadu 2015
Rising 1st - rising 12th Graders

Where: Maynard H. Jackson HS 801 Glenwood Avenue SE Atlanta, GA 30315
**New this year!* Xanadu will be housed at one location!

Dates: June 1- 26, 2015
Session I – June 1st - 12th

Times: 9:00am – 3:00 pm
Session II – June 15th - 26th

Cost: APS Students - \$250.00 (4 weeks)
APS Students - \$125.00 (2 weeks)

Non-APS Students - \$500.00 (4 weeks)
Non-APS Students - \$250.00 (2 weeks)

Important Dates:

- **March 20 - online application and course selection brochure will be available at**
<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Gifted>
- **April 1 - Program registration opens (this is when we will accept payments) at**
21 Thirkeld Ave. SW Atlanta GA 30315 8:30am-3:30pm.

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 one year of Kindergarten through eleventh grade 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.

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 are the criteria for acceptance into the Xanadu Summer Programs?

APS STUDENTS	NON APS STUDENTS
Identified Gifted Students ☐ Student Recommendation Form completed by the school principal <u>or</u> gifted program teacher ☐ 3rd quarter report card	Identified Gifted Students ☐ Proof of continued placement or identification in a school system gifted program consistent with the Georgia Board Rule for 160-4-2-.38 (Annual Review Form/Eligibility Report) ☐ Student Recommendation Form completed by the school principal <u>or</u> gifted program teacher ☐ 3rd quarter report card
Non Identified Gifted Students ☐ Student Recommendation Form completed by the school principal <u>or</u> general education teacher AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ☐ Results indicating an IQ score of 120 or higher from a mental ability test administered by the school system or a private psychologist such as the CogAT or WISC-IV ☐ Results indicating a 90th percentile or higher in Reading or Math subtest from a norm reference standardized test such as the ITBS, Performance Series, or Terra Nova ☐ Score of 850 or higher in Reading or Math on the 2014 Criteria Reference Competency Test (CRCT) ☐ 3rd quarter report card	Non Identified Gifted Students ☐ Student recommendation Form completed by the school principal <u>or</u> general education teacher AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ☐ Results indicating an IQ score of 120 or higher from a mental ability test administered by the school system or a private psychologist such as the CogAT or WISC-IV ☐ Results indicating a 90th percentile or higher in Reading or Math subtest from a norm reference standardized test such as the ITBS, Performance Series, or Terra Nova ☐ Score of 850 or higher in Reading or Math on the 2014 Criteria Reference Competency Test (CRCT) ☐ 3rd quarter report card

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

Acceptance or non-acceptance is based on the program criteria listed above. A letter of acceptance or non-acceptance to the program will be emailed ten days after payment has been received. Those not accepted will receive non-acceptance letters and will have the program fee returned.

How is the 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, morning courses are designed as mini-courses to be taught in two consecutive weeks.

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Is transportation provided to the Xanadu Summer Programs?

No, transportation is not provided. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide transportation to and from the program(s).

What is the application process for the Xanadu Summer Programs?

Xanadu 2015 will accommodate 225 elementary students. 150 middle and high school students will be accepted. You may apply for either program by completing the **online application process**. (*Use the same online application survey for both programs*).

Classes are assigned on a “*first paid-first placed*” basis. 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.

Applicants must have all required documentation (*see criteria above*), a completed online application **and** the program fee in order to be processed, considered registered, and confirmed for Xanadu Summer Program participation. Program fees and qualifying documents will be accepted **in person ONLY** at the Office of Gifted and Talented Education, 21 Thirkeld Ave. SW Atlanta, GA 30315. (*Please see receiving schedule below*)

Receiving Schedule

Wednesday, April 1st 8:30 am – 3:00 pm **Registration Begins**

Thursday, April 2nd Noon – 4:00 pm

Friday, April 3rd 9:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Monday, April 13th 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Thursday, April 16th 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm

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.

What forms of payment are accepted?

Money orders and cashier checks are the only acceptable forms of payment. No cash or personal checks will be accepted. Please make payments in person payable to: *Atlanta Public Schools* with the student’s name written on the method of payment.

Is a discount for families enrolling multiple children?

No, multi-student discounts are not available.

How do I qualify for a tuition scholarship, if I am experiencing a financial hardship?

A specific number of scholarships are awarded to APS students receiving documented free or reduced meals. Indicate the desire for a scholarship in the online application; we will verify meal status directly through the Nutrition Department and make scholarship awards based on information provided by them. Notification of scholarship awards will be communicated by May 15th.

Is before care available for Xanadu Summer Programs?

Before care is available at the Xanadu 2015. The before care begins at 7:00 am for a drop-in fee of \$3.00 per student per day. Scholarships do not include or cover before care.

Is aftercare available for Xanadu Summer Programs?

Aftercare is available at the Xanadu 2015 sponsored by Preferred School Care. Aftercare begins at 3:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm daily. The fee for afterschool care is \$60.00 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. Atlanta Public Schools only accepts money orders and cashier's checks. The afterschool program focuses on technology, visual arts, fitness and character education. Please contact Preferred School Care for additional aftercare information.

**New this year! Aftercare is available for middle and high program participants!*

*****Aftercare program participants will receive an afternoon snack. *****

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.

**New this year! Cafeteria meals will be available for middle and high program participants!*

Non APS students will be required to pay for meals at a rate of \$4 lunch and \$ 1.50 breakfast. Students will not be permitted to charge meals. Parents will be contacted in the event a student requires a meal but funds were not provided.

What is the policy regarding cancellation?

If cancellation is made on or before to May 16th, you will receive a full refund minus a \$20.00 processing fee. No refunds will be made after this date. To cancel your registration, call 404-802-7585 and email a letter of cancellation to Xanadu_Gifted@atlanta.k12.ga.us. Include your child's name, the program registered for, and reason for cancellation. Please allow 14 days for refund processing.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to email the Office of Gifted and Talented Education at Xanadu_gifted@atlanta.k12.ga.us.