



# General Information

The Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students who will be rising juniors and seniors during the program. The program offers instruction that is significantly different from the typical high school classroom and that is designed to provide students with academic, cultural, and social enrichment necessary to become the next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders.

At GHP, students attend classes in the mornings and afternoons in specific areas of study. In the evenings, students participate in a wide variety of social and instructional opportunities. Housing and meals are provided by GHP to its students and faculty/staff.

For 2016, GHP students will receive a residential educational experience on the campus of Valdosta State University. The 2016 Governor's Honors Program will run from June 19<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup> in Valdosta, GA.

In 2015, 680 high school students from 75 of the 159 Georgia counties attended GHP at the Valdosta State University campus.

Map of 2015 GHP attendees by county



This map shows home counties of 2015 GHP students from both public and private schools. The red star indicates Valdosta State University, where the 2016 GHP will be held.



## Student Feedback

Read more inside about what students from the 2015 GHP cohort had to say about their experience at GHP.



## Daily Schedule

Take a detailed look at the daily schedule of a GHP student on the back page.

# Special Message from the GHP Program Manager

The 52<sup>nd</sup> session of GHP was a wonderful experience for all involved and a tremendous success. The performances, classroom instruction, projects, and social experience of almost seven hundred students were truly something to behold. The first ever Chinese language program brought a new level of excitement and cultural diversity to our world language program, while the new engineering department combined three separate areas into effective and productive teams. They created outstanding and innovative final projects, as did all of the academic disciplines! The students were a pleasure, and their successes make the entire process worth all of the hard work that everyone puts in each year.

In addition to the changes in world language and engineering, GOSA introduced a new online application system during the 2014-2015 nomination cycle. Districts and private schools uploaded their nominations (over 3,000 students) into the new application site and students were then emailed directly with a link to their logins. This allowed for data collection through a single, online interface



Painting of Chenglou done by 2015 GHP students.

and a review of all applications by content experts. Nearly 2,000 semi-finalists were then chosen to attend the interviews/auditions with 677 finalists attending the summer program.

The entire program takes a team effort including local coordinators, teachers, and counselors, coupled with parents, GHP summer staff and the host institution. While the number of individuals and specific elements of the program can sometimes boggle the mind, it is most definitely worth all of the effort and hard work as we observe

the growth of the GHP students each summer.

We thank everyone who helped the process along the way and look forward to an even better 2016!

Ricky Parmer  
GHP Program Manager

## What Students Are Saying



### Science Major, Senior

*"My major was amazing and I learned so much!!! I also had so much freedom to grow and study what I wanted, which was amazing."*



### Visual Arts Major, Senior

*"My favorite part was the people. I have never had so many instant friends before! I learned so much about humans in general because I met so many diverse people unlike any other people I've ever met."*



### Dance Major, Junior

*"GHP was very difficult both physically and mentally. I laughed, I cried, I stressed out, but overall, I feel like a better person both in my major as well as an individual."*

FAST FACTS

97%



Ninety-seven percent of 2015 GHP students would recommend GHP to a friend, including 96% of Academic majors and 99% of Fine Arts majors.

94%



Ninety-four percent of 2015 GHP students attend a Georgia public high school, 35% of which are outside of metro-Atlanta.

23%



With over 3,000 students from across the state being nominated for GHP, the state nominee acceptance rate for the 2015 GHP cohort was 23%.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## How much does it cost to attend GHP?

There is no cost to attend GHP. Tuition, room, and board are covered under appropriations made by the Georgia General Assembly. However, students are asked to bring basic school supplies (binders, notebook paper, notebooks, pens, etc.) for class. Students may also consider bringing money for laundry, to purchase GHP t-shirts, and to meet their individual spending habits. Students may have the option to purchase a major t-shirt, hall t-shirt, and other themed GHP t-shirts.

## I have heard that only juniors are selected to attend GHP. How competitive is the application process?

Each school district/private school completes its own selection process to determine local nominees. The process is very competitive at the state level with over 3,000 nominations and approximately 25% or less of those are invited to attend. The students selected to attend GHP demonstrate superior skill in the area of nomination.

## Will I be graded or given any credits for the work I complete while at GHP?

GHP is an ungraded summer program. Students will not be required to take any exit exams or standardized tests regarding major courses of study. Credits are not issued for completion of the program. Students that complete the entire four weeks of study receive a certificate of completion.

## I have been interested in attending another summer program but the date of this program and the date for GHP overlap. May I start GHP late or leave early?

No. Students selected to attend GHP are **required to attend all four weeks** of the program. Exceptions to this will be rare and limited to emergency situations.

## I am a member of a GHP Facebook group. Why does GOSA not respond to questions, comments, or concerns posted by group members?

GOSA does **not** maintain a social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. If you have questions relating to GHP, please contact the GHP office by email. GOSA does **not** respond to questions or concerns posted on social media outlets.



A 2015 GHP Visuals Arts majors works on a class project.



Science students from the 2015 GHP cohort learn first-hand about natural sciences.

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For the full list of FAQs or for help with a specific question, please visit the website at <https://gosa.georgia.gov/governors-honors-program>.

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World Languages students from the 2015 GHP cohort practice communication skills during an activity.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

GHP students will spend between four to six hours each day, Monday through Saturday, in their major areas of study or elective classes. Students will also have opportunities to participate in daily offerings of structured activities after major and elective class time.

Supervised fitness activities (optional)	6:30 AM – 8:00 AM
Breakfast	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Major Session I*	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Major Session II	10:15 AM – 11:30 AM
Major Session III	11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Lunch	1:00 PM – 2:15 PM
Electives**	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Dinner	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Mixed Session I***	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Mixed Session II***	8:30 PM – 10:15 PM
Hall check	10:30 PM
In room	11:00 PM
Lights out	11:30 PM

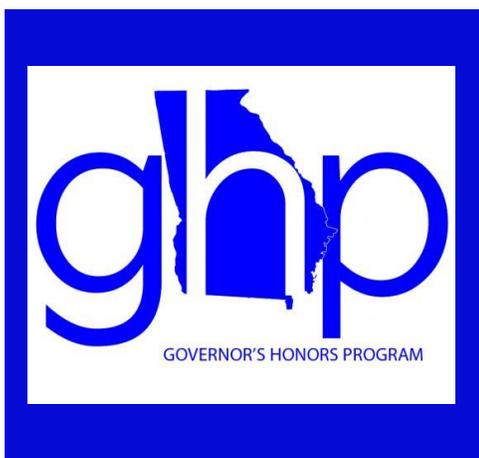
(Schedule may vary. Times are approximate.)

\*Major Sessions occur Monday thru Saturday

\*\*Electives occur Monday thru Friday

\*\*\*Mixed Sessions include rehearsals, electives, fitness, research, intramurals, performances, guest speakers, and organized social activities

GHP NOMINATION AREAS	
Agricultural Science	Science
Communicative Arts	Social Studies
Dance	Theatre
*Engineering	Visual Arts
Mathematics	*World Languages
*Music	
*These areas of nomination have additional subcategories.	



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