

General Rules of Georgia's Governor's Honors Program

Integrity and respect for others must govern student behavior and performance in the program at all times. GHP students are expected to fully participate in all aspects of the program. Students are expected to abide by all rules, regulations, and expectations as set forth and interpreted by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA).

Students are not excused from instructional time at GHP with the exception of diagnosed illness or family emergency. Students may leave campus on a limited basis only with a parent, guardian, or approved adult (21 years of age or older) specified by name on the Day Permission Form and are not allowed to leave campus overnight during the program.

All GHP students and personnel must wear their Valdosta State University (VSU1) ID cards at all times. These ID cards not only identify students as GHP participants and authorize their presence on the VSU campus, but also provide admittance to all special events and to the Palms Dining Hall.

Students should dress appropriately at all times. Swimwear or other inappropriate apparel should not be worn in classes or rehearsals. Shoes must be worn at all times.

Students who bring unauthorized guest on campus will be dismissed.

Students must refrain from inappropriate sexual conduct, including but not limited to, unseemly public displays of affection.

Students are not permitted to have any type of vehicle on the VSU campus (car, motorcycle, scooter, etc.). Bicycles, skateboards, hover boards, rollerblades and skates are also prohibited.

Any possession of any firearm, explosive device, or object that is intended to be used as a weapon will result in immediate dismissal.

Any possession or usage of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs, or prescription drugs that are not prescribed to the student will result in an immediate dismissal from the program. This policy will be enforced without exception.

Theft of property will result in an immediate dismissal from the program.

Vandalism of GHP or VSU property will result in an immediate dismissal from the program.

Any form of bullying and/or harassment (physical, sexual, mental, or emotional) of faculty, staff, or fellow students will result in an immediate dismissal from the program.

Failure to disclose a known health condition may result in a health risk to your child and your child's privilege of participation in the program being revoked. All medications must be noted on the GHP Health Form, checked in on registration day, and an appropriate health provider will dispense student medications.

Students who, in the opinion of the GHP administration, pose a safety risk to themselves or others may be asked to leave the program. Any student who leaves the program early without permission will not receive a certificate of completion.

Attending GHP is a voluntary privilege for each student and not a right. As such, a student's privilege to attend may be revoked without providing advanced notice to the parent(s)/guardian(s) for either a single incident (such as the use or possession of a controlled substance or damage to emergency devices) or for a pattern of misbehavior

deemed as sufficient grounds for revocation by the GOSA/GHP Program Manager. If a student is engaged in any form of illegal behavior, the appropriate legal enforcement authorities will be promptly notified and a police report will be filed.