**The Governor’s Honors Academic Program
June 16 – July 13, 2019 at Berry College in Rome, GA**

**What is GHP?**

The Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a four-week summer residential instructional program designed to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented high school students challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year. Activities are designed to provide each participant with opportunities to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to become independent, lifelong learners.

**Who can participate?**

Rising juniors and seniors in Georgia's public, private, and home schools may participate in the nomination process. Here at KMHS, we encourage all interested students to consider GHP, but to be interviewed, each student MUST have a nominating teacher who can attest to his or her qualifications and who is willing to complete a recommendation form for that student.

Candidates choose a specific instructional area in which their abilities, aptitudes and interest lie. Transcripts of grades and records, nomination forms, endorsements and other pertinent information are submitted to substantiate the nominations. School nominees are then sent to county and statewide screening interviews. The written evidence and data gathered in the student interview are used to evaluate nominees and select finalists.

**I’m interested: Now what?**
First, go to [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com) and join KMHS’s GHP group with code **5jxynf** (If you don’t have an Edmodo account, you will have to create one.) There you will find a link to the state’s GHP site. Check it out to be certain you understand the commitment the program requires. Pay special attention to the critical dates on this handout. The district and state interview dates are non-negotiable. Students who attend GHP must commit to the full four weeks. Also, download and study the criteria in your field of interest to make certain you meet their qualifications.

If you decide GHP is for you, the next step is to find a teacher in your subject area who will nominate you.  This teacher needs to be (or have been) an honors or AP teacher in the instructional area you wish to study at GHP. For instance, a student who wishes to apply as a math candidate needs a math teacher to nominate him or her. **Remember: Only nominated students will be allowed to interview at the school level, and only school candidates are allowed to interview at the county and state levels.**

The third step is to download the GHP application from Edmodo.  Be sure you follow the instructions on your application and meet the deadlines provided on the back of this handout. Be sure you save a copy of your application on your own computer; if chosen as a candidate from KMHS, you will need to transfer the information to the state application.

See me (Mr. Matthews) in Room 527 if you have questions or need advice. My email address is philip.matthews@cobbk12.org.
CTAE: Mrs. Manahan: suzanne.manahan@cobbk12.org
Fine Arts: Mr. Schroter joel.schroter@cobbk12.org

**Important Dates for Academic GHP Candidates**

**Friday, September 14, 2018**: Meeting for students interested in applying for GHP.

**Friday, September 21, 2018 - 3:30 PM**: 2 copies of student application (download from
Edmodo) due to Mr. Matthews: one by email, one printed and hand-delivered to Room 527. (Fine Arts applications go to Mr. Schroter; CTAE applications go to Mrs. Manahan.)

**Thursday, October 4 - Friday, October 12, 2018**: KMHS Academic candidate interviews. (The interview dates are determined by teacher schedules. Most will be after school. Read your email and check Edmodo).

**Monday, October 15, 2018**: Names of final candidates to represent Kennesaw Mountain High School at district interviews posted to Edmodo.

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018**: Mandatory meeting for all KMHS academic GHP candidates in Room 527 at 7:45 AM. (CTAE see Mrs. Manahan; Fine Arts see Mr. Schroter)

**Friday, October 19, 2018**: Completed student **county** applications due; one emailed to Mr. Matthews, one hand delivered to Room 527. (Same application you used for school but revised if necessary.)

**Friday, October 19, 2018**: Teacher recommendation due. (Have teacher email it to Mr. Matthews.)

**Thursday, November 1, 2018**: County academic and CTAE interviews: Sprayberry HS (5:00 – 8:00).

**Monday, November 5, 2018:** Fine Arts interviews/auditions: Pebblebrook High School

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018:** County notifies state of district candidates.

**January 4, 2019**: State deadline for completed online student online applications, including all documents and files.

**Friday, January 25, 2019**: Notification of state semi-finalists by email after application review.

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**: State interview for semi-finalists at Berry College. ***Note:*** *this is the last weekend of the February break.*

**March 29, 2019**: GHP finalists notified of selection and acceptance requirements/timeline

**April 8, 2019**: Finalists acceptance deadline

**April 12, 2019**: Parents/legal guardians emailed online link to required student forms

**May 3, 2019**: Deadline for parent/legal guardian online completion of required student forms

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**2018-2019 GHP School Level Checklist & Deadlines**

Initial deadlines to qualify for an interview:

[ ]  Join Edmodo group (**5jxynf**)

[ ]  Find a teacher willing to nominate you. Teacher must have taught you in an honors or AP level course in that subject area. Teacher nomination form will only need to be completed if you are chosen to attend county interview. ***Deadline: Wednesday, September 19th at 3:30 PM***

[ ]  Complete the Student Information Form on Edmodo. ***Deadline: Wednesday, September 19th at 3:30 PM***

[ ]  Download, complete, and submit Student Application. ***Deadline: Friday, September 21st at 3:30 PM***

 **If Academic:** one copy emailed to Mr. Matthews (philip.matthews@cobbk12.org) and one copy delivered to 527

 **If CTAE:** one copy emailed to Mr. Matthews (philip.matthews@cobbk12.org) and one emailed to Mrs. Manahan (suzanne.manahan@cobbk12.org) , and copies delivered to 527 and 326

 **If Fine Arts:** one copy emailed to Mr. Matthews (philip.matthews@cobbk12.org) and one emailed to Mr. Schroter (joel.schroter@cobbk12.org) , and copies delivered to 527 and 921