

**Interested in a career in law,
medicine, education, production,
business, or communications?
Explore these possibilities
and others through the
QUEST Internship Program
for gifted students.**

The QUEST Student Intern Program:

An Opportunity for You to Explore a Career

"I have learned more than I could have imagined about my chosen career... More important than the career skills, I learned about people and how people deal with different situations."

Grayson High student

"This opportunity has confirmed that I am truly interested in the law profession and that it is something I will enjoy. The QUEST program has made me more prepared and confident to enter the professional world."

South Gwinnett High student

"The best part of my internship was the days when I was able to accompany an architect to a jobsite and witness the many problems that arise during construction. In the office, the staff was extremely knowledgeable, answering all my questions and giving me advice about college and my future."

Collins Hill High student



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**A Gwinnett County Public
Schools program for high school**

The QUEST Internship Program enables high school juniors and seniors in the gifted program to spend part of the school day in an in-depth career exploration with a mentor in the community. As interns they gain specific knowledge of a career as they experience the actual day-to-day routine. In addition, students expand their social and intellectual skills through interaction with a successful role model in a career area in which they are personally interested.

The mentors are individuals who have expertise in particular career areas and come from a variety of businesses, professions, government agencies, civic, fraternal or social organizations, and other fields of endeavor. They are selected because they have the ability to offer a stimulating internship, have a readiness to involve students in real issues faced by the agency, business or profession, and have sensitivity to the needs of young people.

HOW

How does the QUEST Internship Program work?

Students spend a minimum of five hours per week for 13–15 weeks in an unpaid internship. The remaining weeks of the semester are spent completing assignments appropriate to the internship experience. Interns who meet program requirements receive one-half unit of academic elective credit per class per semester. During the internship, students are treated as employees and are expected by the mentor to behave as such.

The intern must provide transportation to and from the job site. Participating students must subscribe to the school's insurance policy or be covered by a family policy. For some internships, additional liability insurance may be required. Some internships require students to undergo background checks, drug testing, and/or immunizations.

WHO

Who can become a QUEST Intern?

Interested students must be in the gifted program, have the last period of the school day open and be able to spend at least two afternoons a week at their internship site. Interested students should apply at their local school through the QUEST Gifted Program contact teacher. Upon acceptance, students will work with the QUEST Intern supervising teachers to identify areas of interest.

Students and parents are consulted by a QUEST Intern Supervising Teacher prior to placement to ensure that the position, the location, and the mentor are the best fit for that particular student's needs.

After matching a student with an appropriate mentor and internship, the supervising teachers monitor the student's progress during the semester.

WHY

Why should YOU participate in the QUEST Internship?

QUEST Internships allow students to experience some of what it means to be in a particular career field *before* they commit to an area of study in college. From contact with the mentor, interns learn about educational and career opportunities, and have a chance to network with professionals who have much to share about job preparation. As a result, students become more realistic and focused about careers and professions.

In addition, students who have done high school internships sometimes receive preferential treatment when it comes to placement in postsecondary education programs and employment opportunities. Completing a QUEST Internship can be a very valuable part of your educational experience.