

# FIND YOURSELF



## UNIQUE IN FULTON COUNTY: NORTH SPRINGS' FRESHMAN ACADEMY



COLLEGE VISITS



THE SANDWICH PROJECT



RECOGNITION FOR VOLUNTEERING



AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

## WHY CHOOSE A 9TH-GRADE ACADEMY?

**Smooth Transition from Middle School:** Provides a structured, supportive environment during the critical 9th-grade year.

**Self-Advocacy Focus:** Students build self-advocacy, a growth mindset, and resilience, empowering them to overcome challenges and achieve their goals.

**Personalized Attention:** Smaller learning communities with focused support ensure students don't fall through the cracks.

**Academic Success:** Students in 9th-Grade Academies show improved grades, higher attendance, and reduced dropout rates.

**Strong Relationships:** Encourages close connections with teachers, resulting in better communication and guidance.

**Long-Term Benefits:** Sets students on a path to graduation and future opportunities with the skills they need to succeed.

Learn about our many exciting Magnet and other opportunities for students and discover how to FIND YOURSELF at North Springs:



Starting high school marks an exciting transition. North Springs' Freshman Academy is designed to help 9th graders thrive from the very beginning. This initiative focuses on building essential skills for academic and personal success. Students enjoy many opportunities, including:

### AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

This course provides high achieving students with the "training wheels" to set them on a successful path to taking college classes in high school.

### COLLEGE FIELD TRIP: 10 UNIVERSITIES

First semester of 9th grade, all students experience a field trip to one of 10 universities.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Students develop a commitment to helping others through volunteer efforts in the community. For example, they help address food scarcity via the Sandwich Project.



# NORTH SPRINGS' FRESHMAN ACADEMY SETS UP STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND!



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## SELF-EMPOWERMENT

Students learn to speak up, seek help, and take charge of their personal growth.

## GROWTH MINDSET

Freshmen confidently embrace challenges and recognize that effort and perseverance lead to achievement.

## ACADEMIC RESILIENCE

Ninth graders learn to face setbacks with determination and recover stronger than before.

## #MYFREEDOMDAY

Students spend a month learning about modern-day slavery. They then bring items for, pack care kits, and write supportive notes for human trafficking survivors.



COLLABORATIVE WORK



STUDENT OF THE MONTH



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



COLLEGE VISITS

## Kelly Olson, Freshman Academy teacher and parent of three recent North Springs graduates, explains:

"Our Freshman Academy aims to help students envision their futures beyond high school. We take the entire freshman class on a college tour, which encourages them to explore opportunities ahead. Additionally, the Freshman Academy Service Initiative inspires students to participate in an Academy-led schoolwide service project, #MyFreedomDay, which raises awareness about the atrocities of human trafficking across the globe. Students can also earn the Freshman Academy distinction of "Freshman 15" by completing 15 hours of volunteer service within the school, through local initiatives, or by attending and supporting school events. This approach encourages students to be actively involved in serving others."