

Gifted and Talented Research Program

Independent Research Application

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

Atholton High School
Howard County Public Schools
2026-2027

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Dear Independent Research Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the G/T Independent Research Program.

While enrolled in the Independent Research course, students design an original research study or creative production in *self-selected* areas of interest. Students learn advanced-level research methodologies and college-level writing and oral presentation skills. Under the guidance of the G/T Resource Teacher, each student identifies a problem and formulates a research question. Student researchers address identified problems, answer research questions, and communicate the results of their creative achievements to appropriate audiences. Students collaborate and receive ongoing feedback from project advisors in their selected areas of study.

Please be certain that your application is **turned in to me by FRIDAY, January 16, 2026. My office is in room C156 near the media center.**

For the purposes of completing your course selection sheet for next year, you should include the Independent Research Class, please refer to [GT Website](#) for course numbers for Independent Research.

Once students have been selected for the program, Student Services will be alerted, and will make any necessary schedule changes. Please note that this course typically meets in the morning.

Thank you for your interest in the G/T Research Program. You are taking advantage of a wonderful opportunity. I am available in the G/T Resource Office to answer questions or discuss concerns that you might have.

Sincerely,

Mabrooka Chaudhry

Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher

Howard County Public School System
GIFTED AND TALENTED INDEPENDENT RESEARCH COURSE
STATEMENT OF INTEREST
2026-2027

Carefully read and complete this form. Please TYPE or PRINT using blue or black INK.

STEP 1: Student Information

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Grade Level for 2026-27: _____

Email address: _____

Current weighted GPA:____ **Current number of GT classes:**____

STEP 2: Area(s) of Interest

Participation in the Independent Research course requires you to produce an original project or creative production based on college-level research. You do not need to have a project in mind at this point, but we ask that you identify your **tentative**, general area(s) of interest. The area(s) of interest may be changed at a later date.

Area(s) of Interest: _____

STEP 3: Signatures

Timely submission of this application is the responsibility of each applicant. **Please note that enrollment is limited. If enrollment numbers exceed the program's capacity, students will be selected based on academic achievement and educational goals.**

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note: You may add the course to your schedule prior to submitting this form.
FORMS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 16, 2026