

# Lanier High Academies

## For Rising 9th Graders



Lanier High School is one of 7 Academy schools in Gwinnett County Public Schools. It is our goal to have Academies integrate the interests of our students with their academics, for a more relevant experience.

Our incoming 9th grade students will NOT be asked to select a specific Academy for their first year at Lanier. We want all students to select elective classes that they prefer, without concern for the exact Academy fit, and they will officially select an Academy starting in 10th grade.

One choice we are asking our incoming 9th graders to make is in regards to their preferred learning style: do you prefer more project-based and problem-based, or less?

9th graders who prefer a more project/problem-based approach should elect to part of our CDAT program, which will emphasize projects, collaboration and subject-integration. For 9th graders, CDAT will not just be STEM, it will be a variety of topics.

For students who do not prefer project-based learning, the LHS9 environment will still incorporate some projects, but fewer than the CDAT classes.

We want to create the best learning environment for you, and we believe our approach based on your preferred style of learning will make the most of your time at Lanier!

### CDAT9 Option

- CDAT9 students will integrate Math, Language Arts, Chemistry and **Intro to Digital Technology.\***, and take **3 other elective classes**.
- CDAT9 students take these 4 courses in a shared block of time, facilitating the collaborative environment.
- **Projects and collaboration will be common**, currently 5-6 projects per year, and integrated between your teachers/subjects.
- Any Academy lens, not just STEM for 9th grade. Learn more about the Academies so you can make an informed decision for 10th grade.
- ***\*CDAT 9th graders will all take Introduction to Digital Tech, as it's a great start to many tech pathways, and fun tech like Photoshop and video editing are great tools for any project! Students will be given options to change to Engineering or Video Production after we start the school year.***

### LHS9 Option

- Take Math, Language Arts, Chemistry classes, and **choose 4 additional electives**.
- **Projects and collaboration will occur approximately once per semester**.
- Any Academy lens. Learn more about the Academies so you can make an informed decision for 10th grade.

Questions? More information will be posted online at <http://lanierhs.org/incomingfreshmen>

*Welcome Class of 2022!*