

What is the Brookwood Cluster Student Literacy Institute?

The student institute is an opportunity for students to refine their writing and reading skills. The focus of the institute is to help students develop their creative abilities and analytical skills as well as enhance their ability to communicate through written language. Students are now required to demonstrate their knowledge of content through spoken and written means; the institute will help students develop those skills.

The institute focuses on the writing process as established in the realigned Gwinnett County standards (AKS) and the standards for teaching writing by the National Council of Teachers of English. The students will use the writing process, which emphasizes an interwoven relationship between language and thought, to communicate their learning.

The student institute will also focus on the reading practices of the International Reading Association. In addition to learning to read like a writer, students will spend time learning reading skills that will be used in all subject areas not just language arts: math, science, social studies and technical courses now require students to read (and write) at a high level. The students will have the chance to read on a variety of topics in a variety of genres and will discuss with the class and with the teacher through one-on-one conferences.

More and more, students must be able to critically read and analyze all forms of text. From focusing in on small parts of a text to reading entire texts to synthesizing information from multiple texts, students must be able to comprehend and write about complex texts. The Brookwood Cluster Middle School Literacy Institute is just the place for your student to develop these skills!

What are the expectations for students?

With the realigned curriculum in Gwinnett County, students will be expected to read and write well in every class! The Literacy Institute will focus on critical reading skills such as close reading, annotating texts, and answering text-based questions, as well as generating writing topics, using a writer's notebook, using authors as writing mentors, drafting a writing project, implementing revision techniques, and reviewing essential editing skills to craft student writing at the appropriate intensity and skill level for the students attending. At the end of the week, students will be given an opportunity to offer a public reading of their work.

Who should attend?

All students are invited to attend. We welcome students who struggle with reading or writing as well as those who excel. The students will be grouped according to the following grade levels*: Grade 6, Grade 7, and Grade 8. (*grade level for the 2016 – 2017 school year)

Who are the instructors?

All instructors are GCPS teachers from the Brookwood Cluster.

Where is the institute?

The institute will be held at Crews Middle School this year.

When will the institute take place?

The institute will take place June 20-23, 2016, from 8:30AM – 11:30 AM.

What is the cost?

The cost is \$100.00 per student, payable through MyPaymentsPlus.com only. Cash or checks are not accepted.

How can I register my child?

After payment has been made on MyPaymentsPlus.com, registration forms may be turned in to Five Forks or Crews Middle School, or they can be mailed to the attention of Charlie Hollingshead at Crews Middle School. Whether you mail the registration form or bring it in, please be sure to include the MyPaymentsPlus.com transaction/confirmation number.



**Crews Middle School
Charlie Hollingshead
1000 Old Snellville Hwy.
Lawrenceville, GA**

You may bring this form to Five Forks or Crews Middle School or you can mail it directly to Crews Middle School to the attention of Charlie Hollingshead.

Please fill out the following information so that we may contact you. (Please print.)

Student Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

School _____

Grade for the current 2014-2015 school year _____

Emergency Name and Phone _____

MyPaymentsPlus.com confirmation/transaction # _____

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Registration forms will not be accepted before Monday, March 7, 2016, and will be accepted at Five Forks and Crews Middle Schools until Monday, May 23, 2016.

Registration will close when the classes are filled. Our goal is that each class have no more than 16 students.

The Reading/Writing Connection:

My expectations were far exceeded. Not only did my child gain confidence in her writing, she gained a bit of maturity in her style. She applies the skills she learned at the institute nearly every day at school.

--parent review

**Please join the
5th Annual
Brookwood Cluster
Student Literacy
Institute**

for current 5th-7th graders

**“Understanding
through reading
and writing!”**



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