

Academy for Future Teachers 2017

A program for high school students
 Summer Program Dates: June 5-23

Welcome to AFT

Do you think you would make a good teacher? Come find out!

The Academy for Future Teachers is designed for bright, talented, and diverse high school students seriously considering a career teaching math or science in an urban environment or a math or science career. At AFT, students collaborate with public school teachers and university faculty as they develop teaching skills, go on field trips, and build an appreciation for the value of professional and academic preparation. Math and science concepts are reinforced as participants practice presentation skills which they use every week when they teach real students. Teamwork and leadership are emphasized.

The AFT Experience

The Academy for Future Teachers is an intense three-week, five-days-a-week initiative held at Georgia State University from 8:00 am to 1:15 pm. The Academy is **FREE** to its students. Each participant (who provides a social security number) receives a **\$200 Stipend** for full and complete participation in all three weeks.

A new view of teaching

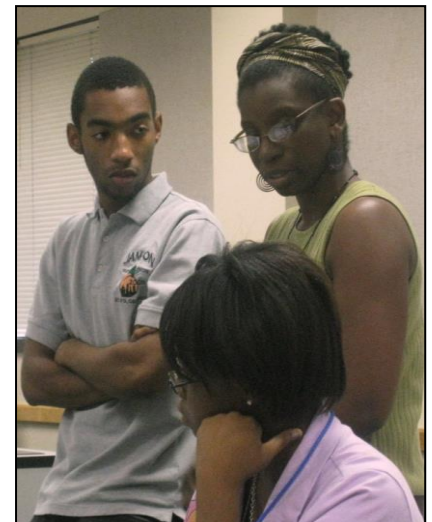
- Entry-level college classroom experiences facilitated by university level faculty and K-12 teachers
- Classroom planning and management from the educator's perspective
- Instruction & review of elementary as well as secondary science and secondary mathematics concepts
- Personal, scholastic, and professional exploration and growth
- Teaching and leadership skills development

Communication in and out of the classroom

- Recognizing how one's own style affects your students and others
- Leadership in school and community
- Team-building and diversity appreciation

Learning Styles & Strategies

- Art and science in education
- Establishing and maintaining orderly and efficient classrooms
- How personality types influence teaching and learning



Program Conversations

- Differentiated instruction
- Professional practices
- Classroom behavior management
- Culturally relevant pedagogy
- Diverse learning styles

Why Participate in the AFT?

Students who participate in the AFT

- Student teach real students every week.
- Meet and get to know other high school students from throughout metro Atlanta.
- Experience a college setting and interact with college faculty.
- Enhance team building skills.
- Discover more about what it means to be a teacher, an urban educator, and a professional.
- Connect with a network of professionals for mentoring and other support as you enter college and a teacher education program.



AFT Structure

Students rotate through Early Childhood Math & Science, Secondary Science, and Secondary Math Education classes to gain exposure to teaching strategies at multiple age levels. Students enjoy an array of learning experiences, including structured field trips, interactions with university professors, graduate students, public school teachers, middle school students, and GSU pre-k clients and special guest seminars.

AFT classes are held on Georgia State University's downtown campus. Classes are released by 1:15 daily. Participants receive a non-replaceable \$100 GSU Panther Card for food/snack purchases at campus outlets. They also choose between a June MARTA or other transit card or a parking space. Basic supplies are provided, too.

Important: Students are expected to determine well in advance how they will to arrive on campus on time daily.

Closing Celebration: On June 23, 2017, the Academy for Future Teachers will close with a celebration designed to acknowledge the achievements, aspirations, and involvement of each AFT participant, educator, volunteer and staff member. Near the close of this event students who have met all participation requirements will receive a \$200 stipend. Satisfactory completion denotes active participation in all offered opportunities and full daily attendance.



Welcome to Georgia State!

An outreach and recruitment program of the College of Education & Human Development (CEHD) at Georgia State University, the Academy for Future Teachers is based on GSU's downtown campus. Renowned for its status as a Research One educational institute, the CEHD offers bachelor degrees in Birth Through Five, Early Childhood Education, Exercise Science, Health and Physical Education, Human Development and Learning, Middle Level Education, Sign Language Interpreting, Special Education and Sports Administration, as well as extensive graduate study opportunities leading to on-campus master's degrees (30 programs), online master's degrees (7 programs), educational specialist degrees (3 programs), and doctoral degrees (12 programs). The college's diverse academic programs make the downtown campus location uniquely prepared to introduce high school students to the challenges and opportunities of a career in teaching, particularly in urban environments.

AFT Faculty – A Team Approach



Leading every AFT class is a team of a university-level faculty member alongside a dynamic public school teacher. These teams combine the insights of current research with practical, instructional approaches and urban classroom expertise. This mutual learning environment models professional collaboration.

Student Eligibility

First Year Applicants: Preference is given to rising juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.0.

Rising sophomores who are mature, have exceptional grades or teacher prep coursework, and a service-based ethic are considered on an individual and space-available basis.

GPA: While a 3.0 (equivalent) is recommended for the math and science concepts presented, this is a preference, not a requirement. Relevant qualifications, activities, and recommendations will be considered.



Your initiative pays off! Students active in a Future Educators/Teachers Club and those enrolled in teacher preparation courses are especially welcome, as are those actively mentoring students or working in childcare.

Any student from the greater metro Atlanta region may apply. While most participants are urban Atlanta students, AFT highly values a large, diverse community drawn from urban and suburban counties. DeKalb County, Atlanta Public Schools, Clayton County, City Schools of Decatur, Cobb County, Fulton County, and Gwinnett County are just some who have been represented over the years.

First year applicants must currently be enrolled in high school or home school with one to three more years of high school prior to graduation. (Class of 2017, 2018, or 2019)

Second Year Applicants: Invitations to return are based upon faculty and staff feedback of each student's participation and initiative in their first year. Invitations are extended to the most engaged students. Others may be invited based upon remaining open seats. Second year classes are limited to 15. Rising juniors, rising seniors, and those graduating in May, 2017 and who are college-bound are considered for the second year.

Applying to AFT

Applications are posted at <http://education.gsu.edu/AFT>.

Forms may be completed online then printed to add the required *original* signatures. They may also be printed as-is and legibly completed in ink. Attach both essays, then submit entire packet by e-mail scan, (single document preferred), post mail, hand-delivery, or fax. Counselors and/or teachers may send recommendations and records separately; these are required for evaluation. Upon acceptance, a confirmation of plans to participate will be requested of the student.

Early is best: Beginning in December, completed applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. All completed application packets will be acknowledged within 7 days. Reviews will continue until seats are filled and students have confirmed. Applications commonly arrive from late January through late April. After AFT is full, applicants who otherwise qualify will be offered the option to be wait-listed. No matter what the date, apply now.

Student Attendance Commitment

Dates of AFT2017:

June 5-23, 2017

Monday-Friday 8:00 am-1:15 pm

Five days a week for three weeks

All participants are expected to be present from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm every day of the program.

Late arrivals (after 8:18 am) and departures prior to 1:00 pm (lunch release) *must* be excused.

To receive the student stipend of \$200, *full* daily attendance is expected.

Please plan accordingly. Special circumstances should be discussed early with Team Leader or Director.

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