



DISCOVERING OUR GIFTS ACADEMY

D.O.G. Academy Application for Current Students Application due on March 4, 2026

The D.O.G. Academy will serve high achieving 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Learners will have opportunities to learn, transfer, and apply their understanding of the content while developing research, technology, and inquiry skills. The students will have opportunities to learn how content connects and relates to other topics, disciplines, events, time, and cultures. The environment will allow the students to work independently, collaboratively, and through whole groups depending on the assignment, concept, needs, and delivery model. The students in the D.O.G. Academy will have experiences to allow them to become competitive 21st century learners. Families will be notified of acceptance no later than March 27th.

All current 3rd and 4th grade D.O.G. Academy students must reapply for the program

Student Grade Level for 2026 – 2027 ___4th ___5th

Full Name of Student: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Student's Current School/Zoned School: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Requirements to Apply

Any Hall County School District student in 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade may apply. Parents of students who live outside the attendance zone must provide transportation for their children to and from school.

Parent Assurances

1. I grant permission for the *D.O.G. Academy* Selection Committee to request and review my child's complete academic and discipline records.
2. If I live outside the attendance zone, I will provide transportation to and from school for my child to attend the D.O.G. Academy.
3. I understand and will comply with the attendance requirements for this rigorous program which includes limited absences, tardies, and checkouts.
4. I understand the technology requirements in blended learning.
5. I understand the nature of the D.O.G. Academy curriculum and the variety of individual and/or small group activities available at the D.O.G. Academy requires students to exhibit more maturity and self-control than would be expected of elementary schoolers in a traditional setting. Therefore, if my child has persistent problems with behavior and/or motivation at the D.O.G. Academy, I understand that he/she will return to his/her home school or placed into a traditional classroom at Lula Elementary.

I would like to have my child enrolled in the Discovering Our Gifts Academy for 4th or 5th grade in 2026/2027. I agree to the conditions stated in the above *Parent Assurances*. I understand that the school has the right to withdraw my child from the program due to non-compliance of the terms of this agreement. I understand that this request for enrollment does not guarantee my child's acceptance.

Please print Parent/Guardian's Name _____

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