

The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. Saturday School Program Enrolling for 2008-09 School Year

Give your child a jump-start on school by enrolling in the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy, Inc. (GBTLA) Saturday School Program! The Learning Academy is a tutoring and mentoring program that enhances the academic performance and achievement of Montgomery County students in grades 1 through 12. This program helps children reach their academic potential through small group support in reading, mathematics, and test-taking skills.

This year, an additional half-hour of instructional support is being added to every tutoring session. The program runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings. During this time, certified teachers and volunteer tutors work with students in the areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, and learning/studying strategies. Secondary students also have access to computer labs to assist them in researching information for assignments and learning valuable technology skills.

The GBTLA is open to all students who desire to improve or enhance their academic growth and achievement. Centers are located in twelve high schools throughout the County. These centers are listed in the box on the right. Students can enroll at any of the twelve centers, however, students typically enroll at the center that is in their home school cluster – in this case, the (fill in name of Center) Center.

Once enrolled, students must meet high academic and behavioral expectations, including regular attendance. They are required to share quarterly report cards with tutors, who use the information to plan tutoring activities and monitor student progress.

Registration and Opening Day information is below and the GBTLA encourages parents to register their students at the beginning of the year. However, if students aren't able to enroll at this time, parents may enroll them at any time throughout the year by coming to one of the centers listed above on any Saturday morning. Parents **must** complete a registration form (including student ID number), pay a \$20 registration fee, and provide a copy of their child(ren)'s most recent report card. Registration forms are available in the main office of all cluster schools and online at www.gbtlearningacademy.org. If you have questions about the program, please call the GBTLA's main office at 301.320.6545.

LEARNING ACADEMY CENTERS

Sherwood High School
Springbrook High School
Paint Branch High School
John F. Kennedy High School
Northwest High School
Montgomery Blair High School
Gaithersburg High School
Wheaton High School
Albert Einstein High School
Watkins Mill High School
Col. Zadok Magruder High School
Rockville High School

2008 GBTLA Pre-Registration

Date: September 13, 2008

Time: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: All Learning Academy Centers

2008 GBTLA Opening Day

Date: October 4, 2008

Student and Parent Orientation: 8:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Registration: 9:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Location: All Learning Academy Centers