

AIG Newsletter

January

Resources

K-12 Advanced Learning Labs

Advanced Learning Labs are aligned to a concept as well as the NC Standard Course of Study. With each Advanced Learning Lab, students explore logic puzzles, go on field studies, engage in research explorations, participate in mindfulness activities and continue engaging with math and literacy. These were originally created for remote learning opportunities and are here for you to use to engage and challenge your students at home. This month's concept is Community (English). Comunidad (Spanish)



Academic Competitions



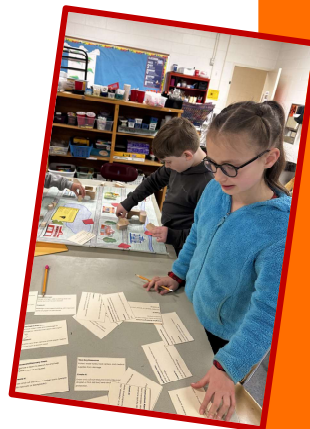
Spelling

Geography

Science

History

visit [International Academic Competitions](#) to register



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Middle to High School Transition Events

High School AIG Specialist Visits
AIG Students in Middle Schools

BMS – Jan 21 2:00

CMS – Jan 22 2:20

WMS – Jan 23 1:40

**8th Grade Students
Visit High Schools
March**

**8th Grade Students
Register for HS Courses
Late March**

**Governor School Acceptance
Notification - March**

For more information, contact
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Space Camp - Grade 5
Payment due Jan 19
Trip April 27 – 29



Middle School to High School Transition Information

8th Grade Students!

It's time to begin thinking about high school courses. Take a look at the resources below to start thinking about your options and watch for more information from Mrs. Cody (HS AIG Specialist/Academic Advisor) and your specific school – coming soon!

[Advanced Placement Course List](#)

[Why Take AP Classes? Check Out This Video](#)

Find out More

[AIG Academic Advising Flyer](#)



Middle and High School – Summer

Take advantage of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics/Dogwood Health Trust FREE Summer Accelerator Camps. The deadline to apply for this program is **March 13th, 2026**. Check out this [FLYER](#) or go to the [WEBSITE](#) for more information. [See the October AIG Newsletter for more summer opportunities.](#)

All Ages

Scholarships

Many college and university **scholarship application deadlines for the 2026-27 academic year are January and February dates**. Check out the [CFNC – College for North Carolina](#) site for information on scholarships based on both need and merit.

[Haywood County Schools Foundation Scholarships](#) – deadline March 18

Essay Contest/Scholarship

The AIG team has been participating in a book study on Jonathan Haidt's, [The Anxious Generation](#). One section includes information on the Let Grow Project, which encourages students to do something they've never done on their own before. Check out this [video](#). The organization offers the **Let's Grow Think for Yourself Scholarship Award** to eligible 12th grade students, including **\$8,000** for the grand prize essay winner and \$2,000 each to 3 runners-up. Info for the 2026 application process will be released [here](#) in February.

NEWS

North Carolina's Advanced Learning Efforts Gain National Recognition

[National Research Center on Advanced Education – Johns Hopkins School of Education](#)

North Carolina is one of three state agencies partnering in the National Research Center on Advanced Education (NCRAE), which will serve as a hub for research, innovation and policy development related to programs and services that meet the needs of young learners with aptitude and skills beyond their peers. The NCRAE is led by Johns Hopkins University and funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant.