



# Clayton County Public Schools

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### CCPS Innovation Evening Academy to Open in January 2024

**JONESBORO** - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) continues to set the standard in offering its students a range of opportunities to be successful. The district is excited to announce that it will offer an **evening school** program called Innovation Evening Academy, as another way to provide meaningful and innovative options for our high school students to be successful. Innovation Evening Academy will begin serving students in January 2024.

“The establishment of the Innovation Evening Academy is another in a series of cutting edge steps by this administration to provide the most complete academic support for all students enrolled in Clayton County Public Schools,” said Dr. Anthony W. Smith, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “We are taking the concept of ‘no child left behind’ to another, more inclusive level as we continue *Building A Better Tomorrow, Today*.”

The Innovation Evening Academy is a face-to-face opportunity designed to provide students with an opportunity to take high school classes after traditional hours and earn high school credit toward their high school diploma. This program is best suited for students who work during the day or serve as a caregiver. The academy will operate more productively in an evening face-to-face and smaller setting.

The Innovation Evening Academy is for students in grades 10th -12th who are at least 16 years of age. It will be located at the Perry Career Academy in Jonesboro and will be in session Monday - Thursday from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

It is important to note that due to the time of day and available staffing, there may be a limitation to the course and program offerings during the Innovation Evening Academy. However, students will still be able to participate in their core and elective classes, receive industry-recognized credentials for select programs, and participate in internships.

For more information about the Innovation Evening Academy, please access the QR Code on the attached parent letter or the promotional flyer. Registration for the Innovation Evening Academy is open through **Friday, December 15, 2023**.

**-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-**

About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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