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Houston County Schools Seek STEM Professionals to Teach Apply by May 1 to Earn While You Learn



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District seeks up to five science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) professionals who want to teach middle school. Individuals with a bachelor's degree who are interested may apply for the Georgia Residency for Educating Amazing Teachers (GREAT) program. Those accepted will earn a first-year teacher's salary plus benefits while working toward a teaching degree. The resident teachers also gain classroom experience under the mentorship of a master teacher.

GREAT resident teachers will be placed in classrooms in grades six through eight in middle Georgia. Upon successfully completing the residency, they are guaranteed a job in the district in which they served.

GREAT program residents must complete a 36-credit Master of Arts in teaching online through Georgia College & State University (GCSU). Residents pay their own tuition and fees and commit to teach for a minimum of three years in their residency district.

STEM professionals who are interested are encouraged to apply on the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) website at <https://www.sreb.org/post/georgia-residency-educating-amazing-teachers-program>. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2020.

Deputy Superintendent Cindy Flesher said, "We're looking for that person who gets excited about their STEM field and wants to share their enthusiasm with students. This new program is unique because participants are paired with a mentor teacher for a full year and earn a salary with benefits while working toward a master's degree with middle grades certification."

The GREAT program is a partnership between the SREB and GCSU. GREAT is funded by [the Teacher Quality Partnership program of the U.S. Department of Education](#).

For more information, please visit the district website's *Land the Job You Love* page and click on "[GREATProgram for Middle Grades STEM](#)," or visit the [SREB website](#). One may also contact Sharon Moore, Director of Professional Learning, at Sharon.Moore@hcbe.net or 478-988-6200.

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