

SIG Philosophy

Although the day program is in its eighth year, 2011 will mark the 27th year that the Summer Institute for the Gifted has provided programs for academically advanced students. It also marks the sixth year that Staten Island Academy is partnering with the program as an affiliate school.

SIG provides gifted and talented students with an exciting and challenging summer experience. The program combines remarkable academic learning experiences with cultural, social and recreational opportunities. The academic program is central to the design and purpose of SIG. Our program provides students with academic challenges designed to fit their abilities and interests. It also provides them with the opportunity to engage with other students who have similar abilities and interests. Because of the small class size, low teacher-student ratio and the presence of a program assistant in every class, SIG is able to individualize the program for every student.

Program Fees

Covered Fees: The total cost of Staten Island Academy-SIG for summer, 2011 is \$1,750. This amount includes an application fee, program fee for the academic program, all laboratory fees and course materials costs, recreational program costs, any special programs and lunch.

Non-covered Expenses: The program fee does not include the following: the cost of transportation to and from the Academy, personal spending money while on campus. The payment schedule is as follows:

1. Due with application:
Program Deposit \$ 700
Application Fee \$ 50
Total \$750
2. Due two weeks from the date on the acceptance letter:
Final Payment \$1,000

Special Offer: Refer a new SIG student who enrolls in the SIA-SIG program and receive a \$200 discount on tuition!

Refund Policy

Because Staten Island Academy-SIG must hire staff and confirm space before the start of the summer sessions, we are unable to make refunds. The only exception to that policy is that fees minus the \$50 non-refundable application fee will be refunded to students not accepted into the program.

For more information or to request an application please contact:

**Staten Island Academy
Summer Institute for the Gifted
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Staten Island, NY 10304
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**Application, eligibility and course information is available at:
www.statenislandacademy.org/camp**



Staten Island Academy Summer Institute for the Gifted 2011 Day Program



For Students who
have completed
Kindergarten-Grade 6
July 11-29, 2011

Summer Institute for the Gifted 2011

What is the Staten Island Academy Summer Institute for the Gifted?

Staten Island Academy is very proud to be a Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG) affiliate day program site, which allows the Academy to offer SIG courses as part of our successful day camp program. Like the Academy, SIG is deeply committed to educational excellence and achievement. SIG's mission is to provide an inspiring balance of challenge, exploration and opportunity for academically gifted and talented students. SIG programs are held at Amherst College, Bryn Mawr College, Drew University, Emory University, Princeton University and other prestigious colleges and universities. The Academy has the distinction of being the only affiliate day program in New York City. The 2011 Day Program will offer an array of academically challenging SIG courses on the Academy's 12-acre campus.

SIG Program Description

The Summer Institute for the Gifted Day Program provides academic enrichment and engages students in recreational activities every day. Courses are taught at levels appropriate for academically gifted students who have just completed Kindergarten through Grade 6, and they include humanities, mathematics and sciences, and multidisciplinary offerings. Every student selects three courses and has a recreational period. Each class meets five times a week for 90 minutes.

The Staten Island Academy program is identical to the SIG program in philosophy, purpose and structure. Students are expected to perform within the upper range of their capabilities. Assessments of student performance are an integral part of the program. Final student performance reports are sent to each student's home by early fall. Upon written request, a copy of this report can be forwarded to the student's school.

Academic Program

Instructional Strategies

The teaching staff employs strategies that have proven to be particularly effective in stimulating the interests and abilities of academically gifted students. In addition to traditional methods, such as direct instruction and question and answer sessions, instructors use hands-on methods of learning that promote active participation, creativity and higher-order thinking skills. Such strategies may include debate, construction of models, simulations, legal briefs, demonstrations, problem-based learning and project-based learning.

Student schedules

Each student selects from the listing of courses to create a personal schedule. Students take three courses daily. Students attend classes Monday through Friday from 9 AM until 2:45 PM with a break for a snack at 10:30 AM and lunch at 12:30 PM. Students have recreational time following the last class from 2:45 PM until 4 PM.

Dress Policy

Dress on campus is casual. Students may wear shorts, T-shirts or other casual clothes that are neat, clean and appropriate. Shoes/sneakers are required at all times.

Lunch and Snacks

A hot lunch is included with tuition. Lunch will be served in the Academy's air-conditioned cafeteria. Snacks and beverages are served throughout the day.

Health Services

A nurse will be on duty during the hours of the program. Any prescription medications to be administered to the students during the day are to be left with the nurse and administered solely by the nurse. Unless the nurse authorizes it, students may not keep any medications with them. Students who do not feel well during the session will be escorted to the nurse by a staff member

SIG Program Staff

Site Director: Rebecca Signorelli is the SIG Site Director. As a highly trained and talented professional, she will work closely with the staff to provide a safe and stimulating environment for learning.

Faculty: The Summer Institute for the Gifted Day Program faculty comprises dedicated professionals from many fields. These professionals include educators of the gifted, professional practitioners and experts from specific fields. They provide the best possible academic experience for each SIG-DP student. The instructional staff consists of individuals who have attended workshops and educational programs focusing on strategies for educating the academically gifted student.

Program Assistants: In addition to the faculty, program assistants, who are advanced high school students, assist the instructors in the classroom, act as role models for the students and supervise the recreational program.

Extended Day Supervision

7-9 AM and 4-7 PM

As a service to working parents, Staten Island Academy offers an Extended Day program for all SIG students. Any SIG student not picked up by 4 PM must join the Extended Day Program. Extended Day is billed bi-monthly at a rate of \$8 per hour/\$4 per half hour (or any part thereof). Students remaining beyond 7 PM will be charged \$1/minute.

Staten Island Academy-SIG

Open House Dates

March 13— 11 AM to 2 PM

April 16 — 11 AM to 2 PM

May 21—11 AM to 2 PM

If you are unable to attend an Open House you may contact 718-303-8650 to schedule an appointment for a tour.