# **High School Gifted Elective**

COURSE: Research Methodology for Students who are Gifted

# **DESCRIPTION**:

This class is an independent study. Students will choose a topic in an area of interest (topics are endless, just have to be approved by parents and teacher). After choosing a topic, students will research and complete assignments supporting their research, working at their pace to truly delve into their chosen topic. The culminating assignment is to take everything learned to create a product (of their choosing) to show off what they learned. Assignments have to be completed in sequential order but there are not set due dates. All work must be completed by the end of the school year. Substantial rubrics will be provided for each assignment related to research as well as the final product. Students enrolled in the elective, will also receive monthly consultative gifted services with gifted peers at their high school. In these sessions, they will work on the gifted goals of critical and creative thinking and social-emotional aspects of giftedness.

# DETAILS:

- 0.5 credit course
- Honors course Quality Point
- Virtual, self-directed, independent-study course
- Course begins: Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Course ends: May 29<sup>th</sup> with Drop date: Aug 31<sup>st</sup> (course must be dropped to avoid earning a grade that becomes part of permeant transcript)

## **REGISTRATION**:

# Register through PVS (Pinellas Virtual School) @ https://tinyurl.com/HSGiftedPCS

Registration is open and will close on Aug 13<sup>th</sup>

Drop date: Aug 31<sup>st</sup> (course must be dropped to avoid earning a grade that becomes part of permeant transcript) Registration questions: contact the PVS office at 727-588-6448 (Hours are M-F 8am until 3pm).

# Q & A:

#### Can anyone take this course?

No, this course is only available for PCS high school students who are identified as gifted.

#### Can a student start this course over summer 2018?

No, the course will start on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>

### Is this course graded?

Yes, it is graded using the PCS scale of A, B, C, D, F

Does this elective count as the required virtual course high school students are required to take? Yes, this fulfils the requirement.

#### Can a student take this class multiple years?

Yes, a student can take and get credit for this class for any of their high school years.

#### What does the drop date mean?

Students must un-enroll by this date to avoid receiving a grade that will become part of their permanent high school transcript.

#### What is a quality point? Quality point classes offer weighted course value. This course is weighted the same way as an honors course.

#### What topics are allowed?

Topics must be approved by parent and by instructor to verify appropriateness.

## What final projects are allowed?

Anything that shows off what you learned: website, TED talk, brochure, poster, video, magazine....creativity is encouraged!

