



## THE 2024 GOVERNOR'S STEM INSTITUTE

WVU Honors Hall  
250 Second Street, PO Box 6635  
Morgantown, WV 26506-6635  
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Dear GSI Student,

Congratulations again on being selected to attend the 2024 Governor's STEM Institute! We hope you are excited to take part in this one-of-a-kind experience in which you will learn, meet peers with similar interests, and have a great deal of fun in the process. Many wonderful activities are planned, so get ready to have a spectacular time!

The Institute is rapidly approaching, and we have a few details to help you plan for your arrival and stay in Morgantown. We have included important information in this mailing packet. We ask that parents and students both read through and become familiar with the information included in this packet.

Your packet should include the following documents:

- Schedule for the opening day and the closing day
- Directions to the Honors Hall in Morgantown
- Instructions for moving in and moving out
- List of what to pack
- GSI Bank information
- Map of downtown Morgantown

If you have any questions, please e-mail program intern Teresa Dietz at [teresa.riffle@k12.wv.us](mailto:teresa.riffle@k12.wv.us).

We look forward to seeing you this summer!



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### Opening and Closing Day Schedules:

#### Opening Day Agenda: Sunday, July 14

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| 12:00-2:30 PM | Registration and Check-In to Honors Hall  |
| 3:00 PM       | Opening Ceremony will be in Reynolds Hall, for students to attend with their families. Reynolds Hall is the new business building that is located across the main road from West Virginia University's downtown campus. There is a parking lot, and parents may park there for free since the opening ceremony is happening over a weekend. GCSI faculty and staff will help direct parents to Reynold's Hall; people may also choose to walk because it is only a short distance from Honors Hall. |

#### Closing Day Agenda: Sunday, July 21

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| 11:00 AM | Closing Luncheon – <b><u>The closing luncheon is for students only.</u></b><br>( <u>NOTE:</u> Students will not be available before 12:30 to meet parents.)  |
| 12:30 PM | Parents are welcome to arrive and view the students' research projects in Honors Hall. Please park and enter quietly. The projects will be displayed in the media room for your viewing.   |
| 1:00 PM  | Students should be finished with the final banquet and ready to depart. GSI staff will have a place where parents need to check their students out, pick up their student's medications and/or money remaining in the GSI bank, and return the student's room key. <b>Please do not leave with your student before checking out and ensuring your student has all of their belongings. GSI cannot be responsible for gathering and returning personal items left behind.</b> |
| 2:00 PM  | All students must be moved out of the Honors Hall.   |



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### **Honors Hall**

The Governor's STEM Institute students will be living in the Honors Hall, which serves as the Honors College residence hall and houses the Honors College office. The rooms are two-bedroom suites connected by a bathroom. These rooms have hardwood floors and air-conditioning. The Honors Hall has laundry facilities, but we do not plan on providing students with time to do laundry; therefore, students should plan to bring clothes for all nine days and do not need to do laundry during their stay.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided for students each day.

### **Move-in Instructions:**

Use the Honors Hall turn-in on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (please have someone stay in the car) for unloading your luggage, while your student comes into Honors Hall to check in.

Once your student has their key and your luggage has been removed from the vehicle, you need to move to a more permanent parking spot -- this makes room for others to unload their luggage in the turnaround. There is metered parking along Grant Street beside the building, as well as short-term parking lots to which the staff can direct you. Have a passenger stay with your luggage and begin the move up to the assigned room. There will be carts available to make the move easier, but please return them as soon as possible so other students can make use of them. We hope that this will provide the most efficient way possible to move all the students into the Honors Hall. Thank you for your cooperation!



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### Move-out Instructions:

We hope to be done with the banquet between 12:30PM and 1:00PM. You will need to park in the metered spots on the street, or in the paid short-term parking lot across the street. When moving your child out, you may use the turn-in, but you will need to be careful to make sure that there is someone with the car at all times, and that you are being considerate of other parents wanting to use the turn-in.

We hope that this will provide the most efficient way possible to move all the students out of the Honors Hall. We appreciate your patience and ask for your cooperation to make sure everything goes smoothly.

### Directions to Honors Hall in Morgantown:

**FROM I-68**, merge with I-79 north and follow the directions below from I-79.

**FROM I-79**, take **Exit 155 (Star City/ West Virginia University)** and proceed through Star City (past University Town Centre and two Sheetz gas stations). Continue past the Coliseum on **Monongahela Blvd / Beechurst Ave** (Monongahela Blvd eventually becomes Beechurst). You will pass under the PRT tracks. Immediately after you pass Advanced Auto Parts, you will see a turn lane appear. Enter this turn lane and **turn left onto 8<sup>th</sup> Street**. Go up 8<sup>th</sup> Street and **turn right onto Grant Street**. It is a one-way street; continue straight past several stop signs until you see a sign for GSI or GSI staff. **Turn right onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**. The front entrance of the Honors Hall is on your left. Please use the front turn-in driveway to unload luggage, then proceed to park your car in a metered space on Grant or another lot as directed by staff. GSI staff will be located in this area to help with unloading luggage and directing traffic.

The physical address of Honors Hall is not very reliable. Thus, please use our neighbor's address for your GPS devices; Summit Hall, 211 Grant Avenue Morgantown, WV 26505.



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### Packing List

See below for what students should bring, what they may want to bring, and what they cannot bring with them to GSI this summer.

(IMPORTANT NOTE: Bed linens and towels are provided for students).

#### **STUDENTS SHOULD BRING:**

- Bed Linens (for a twin size XL bed)
- Towels and Washcloths for Bathing
- Walking shoes for walking around campus and on field trips
- Swimsuit and beach towel for a field trip to the swimming pool
- Sunscreen
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Alarm clock
- Prescribed medicines such as Epipens, inhalers, etc.
- Comfortable clothing for the weather in addition to a jacket for indoor air conditioning.
- Business casual clothing for the presentation on the last day of the program. (NOTE: It is recommended that students wear khakis or dress slacks with a nice blouse or button up shirt and tie or nice polo; a business casual dress is also appropriate.)
- Umbrella and/or a rain jacket.
- Active wear clothing and shoes that are appropriate for outdoor activities in the summer.
- Personal toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.)

#### **STUDENTS MAY WANT TO BRING:**

- Cell Phone (NOTE: Please see the cell phone policy as stated in the Handbook for specifics about how and when cell phones may be used.)
- Shoes for the shower (such as flip flops)
- A caddy for the shower
- Money (if students want to buy any souvenirs or additional food/drinks on trips)
  - NOTE: Kennywood is cashless. However, students are able to insert cash into a machine at Kennywood in order to exchange it for a free prepaid cash card; however, any money not used is not reimbursed by Kennywood.)

#### **STUDENTS MAY NOT BRING:**

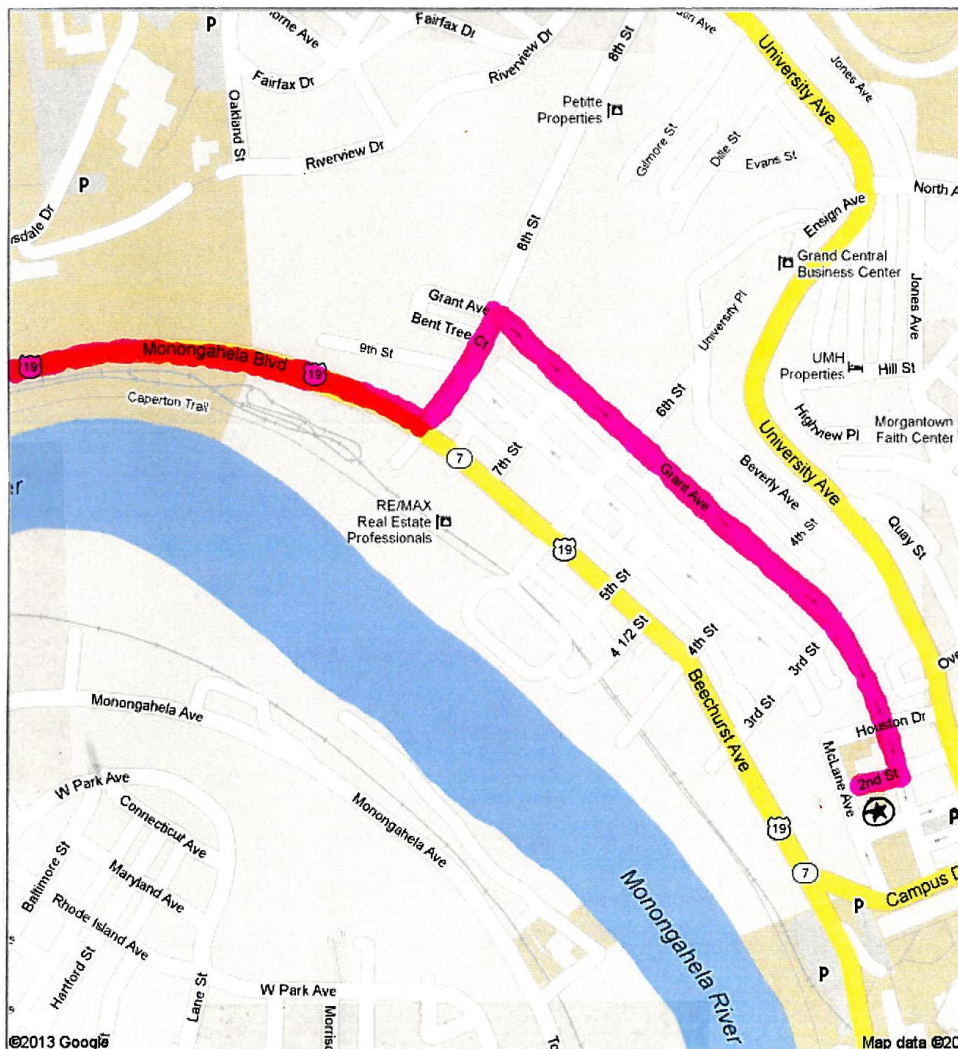
- Electronic Devices for Dorm Rooms (portable air conditioner/heater, microwave, lamp, toaster, etc.)
- Pets
- Musical Instruments





- Weapons and/or Fireworks
- Any material(s), including clothing, that is inappropriate in content and/or demonstrates hatred toward any group, race, religion, etc.

### Map/Directions to the Honors Hall Facility



**FOR GPS NAVIGATION:**

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