

Credit for Your GIV Learning

**Want to use your
GIV experience for
school credit?
Here's how!**

Every school has a different process for their Flexible Pathways to learning, but we've put together some tips in case you would like to make your GIV experience part of your personalized learning plan at school. We recommend starting before the end of this school year to put your plan in place!

Step 1: Before Your Institute – Share What You Expect to Learn

- Ask your teacher or the GIV Talent Scout at your school for the name of the person at your school who can assign credit for “expanded learning opportunities”. Some schools now have a “flexible pathways coordinator” who directly handles awarding credit.
- Talk to that person to find out if they're familiar with GIV. If they're not, email their name to us at karen@giv.org and we will reach out to give them more information.
- Often, that person will ask for a brief written proposal from you stating what you expect to gain.

Things to include in your proposal:

- The name of the Institute you are attending
- What goals and expectations you have for this experience (what you want to learn, what you want to do, & how it fits with your interests!)
- What proficiencies/competencies those goals line up with. You can find many examples of these on the GIV Accepted Student webpage (www.giv.org/accepted). If you need additional help with this, please reach out to Barry@giv.org for assistance.
- How you plan to demonstrate what you learned after the Institute.
- GIV's website: www.giv.org.

Step 2: During Your Institute – Showcase What You Are Doing

- Keep a personal log of your hours and the activities/events that you are doing that relate to the competencies. This may include reflections, a photo slideshow, journaling, or your work from the Institute.
- Talk to your Institute Director and faculty during the first few days to let them know that you are aiming to receive school credit.
- Get faculty signatures on your log and reflections.

Step 3: After Your Institute – Spotlight What You Have Learned

Some ways to demonstrate your learning back at school could be:

1. Offer to do a presentation, teach a class, tutor your siblings, write a school newspaper article, or find some other way to bring what you learned back to your school and/or community.
2. Write an essay on what you learned and how you met your school's competencies.
3. Submit a packet with your original proposal, documentation of hours and activities, materials/reflections from the Institute, and your follow-up work to your school counselor.

If your school has different requirements or is uncertain about how much you got from GIV, we want to know about it! Please contact our Executive Director Karen Taylor Mitchell at karen@giv.org if you have any questions or difficulty or if you have feedback to share that may be helpful for future students seeking credit.