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## **Brookwood High's Wetherington earns top science fellowship**

A Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) teacher is the first Georgia educator to earn a national fellowship to help motivate and engage high school students in scientific research. **Dr. Jonathon Wetherington**, a science teacher at **Brookwood High**, was selected from a large national pool of high school mathematics and science teaching candidates for this year's Society for Science and the Public (SSP) Fellows Program. The national organization and its fellowship program support high-quality, independent scientific research by the most interested and motivated students.

As a SSP Fellow for 2011, Dr. Wetherington will receive a grant for \$8,500 which he plans to use to develop a formal student research program at Brookwood High. He also is invited to attend the Fellows Institute to be held July 25–29, 2011, in Washington, D.C. Dr. Wetherington can retain his fellowship for up to four years to ensure that promising students can pursue independent research through their high school years.

Dr. Jonathon Wetherington joined Gwinnett County Public Schools and Brookwood High in 2007 from Emory University where he was a Frederick Gardner Cottrell Postdoctoral Fellow. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia in Cell Biology and earned his doctorate degree in Biological Science and Pharmacology from the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Wetherington teaches Biotechnology, Anatomy, and Physiology.

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