



**NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
GIFTED AND TALENTED ACADEMY
& HONORS PROGRAM APPLICATION
2021-2022 School Year**



North's Advanced Programs

The advanced programs at North Middle School (NMS) are designed on the Talent Development Model of Gifted Education, which recognizes that a student's giftedness may not be global. For example, a student may have areas of giftedness – in math, art, ELA, music, or leadership. The advanced programs at North use individualized scheduling. This process allows for greater access to instruction in areas of high aptitude. Students can participate in up to 6 advanced classes at different levels of acceleration. This differs from the all or nothing approach of other programs. This research-based approach enables NMS to address the needs of each student individually.

1. Gifted and Talented Academy (GTA)

The equity based Gifted and Talented Academy (GTA) at North Middle School looks beyond one data point for entry into the program, ensuring that the GTA represents the demographics of NMS. Candidates for the GTA should have standardized test scores in the 90th percentile or provide a Body of Evidence indicating they would benefit from gifted and talented programming (i.e., portfolio or other demonstration of aptitude). Key tenants of the equity-based GTA include the Talent Development Model of Gifted Education, acceleration, and social emotional development.

2. Honors Program

North's Honors Program provides an academically rigorous course of study for students who benefit from accelerated instruction. North's Honors Program is an excellent option for those students considering the IB Diploma Programme or Advanced Placement courses in high school. Honors candidates should have standardized test scores at or above the 70th percentile or demonstrate through academic history that they can thrive in a rigorous educational setting.

GT Academy/Honors Program Application Process

1. Complete and submit the North 2021-2022 Advanced Programs Application.
2. If you live outside North's attendance boundaries, please fill out the Choice Open Enrollment Application (www.d11.org/Choice).
3. If necessary, North Middle School will contact your child's current school to obtain the required test scores, grades, or recommendations for acceptance into the program.
4. North has instituted rolling admissions for both the GT Academy and the Honors Program. North will notify families of acceptance within two weeks of receipt of a completed application.

For more information, contact Lanie Roberds at 328-2410.

NOTE: Transportation for students not living in the North attendance area is the responsibility of the family.



NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED PROGRAMS

Gifted and Talented Academy (GTA) and Honors Program



- **EXPECTATIONS:**

- Academic standing:
 - The student demonstrates a consistent ability and desire to work beyond grade level.
- Personal commitment:
 - The student takes responsibility for their academic standing.
 - The student exhibits a desire to actively participate in the education process.
 - The student demonstrates behavior that is conducive to a positive learning environment.

- **ACCEPTANCE:**

- North staff will review completed applications as they are submitted.
- The selection process could include but is not limited to the following:
 - Standardized test scores (e.g., CogAT, KBIT, CMAS, ATI Galileo),
 - Classroom performance,
 - References from academic professionals, or
 - A Body of Evidence (e.g., art portfolio, dance/music performance, formal rankings).

- **POLICIES:**

- Student Grades:
 - The student must maintain passing grades, defined as a “C” or better:
 - Students receiving one or more “D” or “F” grades at a quarterly grading period will be placed on probation.
- Student Behavior:
 - Any suspensions during a quarter could result in probation status:
 - A student who earns additional suspensions within the probationary quarter could be removed from the program for the remainder of the year.

- **PROBATION:**

- Probation lasts for one quarter, at which time the student’s status will be reviewed. Upon completion of the review, one of the following actions will be taken:
 - Probation status will be dropped for students who have met the program expectations.
 - Students who have not met the program expectations will be removed from the program.
- Students who have been removed from the program may reapply for the following semester.