



**GT ACADEMY REGULATIONS on other side**  
**NORTH HONORS PROGRAM REGULATIONS**

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11



**I. NORTH HONORS PROGRAM:**

- A. Student academic standing
  - a. The student demonstrates a consistent ability and desire to work beyond grade level.
  - b. The student demonstrates an ability to learn with minimal repetition of material.
- B. Student personal commitment:
  - a. The student exhibits a desire to actively participate in the education process.
  - b. The student actively participates with the Service Learning requirements.
  - c. The student does not have a history of disruptive classroom and/or social behaviors.

**II. Performance level within the Honors Program:**

- A. Student Grades
  - a. The student must maintain passing grades (defined as a “C” or better).
  - b. If a student receives one (1) “D” grade or lower in one (1) quarter, he/she will be placed on academic probation.
  - c. Each quarter of academic probation the student’s status with the program will be reviewed. Upon completion of the review, one of the following actions will be taken:
    - i. Student will be awarded full status after maintaining a “C” average or demonstrating significant improvement for one academic quarter.
    - ii. Active involvement of student, parent/guardian and teaching staff to more closely monitor organization and study structure, providing interventions as appropriate will be organized.
    - iii. Accelerated academic involvement will be adjusted to ensure the most appropriate challenge for the student.
- B. Student Citizenship
  - a. The student must maintain Citizenship reports of 3 or higher.

**III. Exiting and Re-entering the Honors Program at North Middle School**

- A. Students may be accepted into the Honors Program at any time during 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades, and during *the first semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade* with successful applications. Exceptions on an individual basis will be made for students moving into the Colorado Springs area during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- B. If a student’s circumstances change and he/she wishes to re-enter the program, he/she will need to apply for a status review. Acceptance back into the program will require an interview with the coordinator.
- C. A student who exits the Honors Program at North may re-apply to the Honors Program at Palmer.
- D. Honors Program students at North are required to submit a completed Application Packet in order for 9<sup>th</sup> grade Honors at Palmer HS.
- E. A student who applies to the Honors Program and is accepted into the program, but chooses not to attend during the school year they were selected for, will need to request a review before they are able to participate at a later date.

**IV. Acceptance into the Honors Program.**

- A. Students will be notified in writing of their acceptance or non-acceptance into the Honors Program.
- B. Appeal process for non-acceptance.
  - a. A student *not* accepted to the Honors Program may appeal by notifying the IBMYP coordinator of his/her desire to appeal. This notification must be received in the IBMYP office, *in writing*, by the date indicated on the application form.
  - b. An appeal committee will be formed.
  - c. The committee will review the original application and arrange an appointment with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student.

**V. Transportation**

- A. The Honors Program is open to all qualified students. It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide transportation for those students in Grades 6-8 who live outside the North Middle School attendance area.

**VI. Out-of-District Students**

- A. In the event of space concerns, qualified D11 students have priority over non-District 11 students.

# **GT ACADEMY POLICIES**

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL  
COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11

## **I. NORTH MS GT ACADEMY PURPOSE.**

GT students follow a schedule of advanced honors classes, including applied academics that may include art, music, technology, video and/or world language. All classes adhere to the IB philosophy of project-based, challenging instruction that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. The GT Academy specifically supports three central components for identified Gifted & Talented students:

- Academics
- Individual passions
- Social-emotional.

While designed primarily for formally identified GT students, when space is available classes may also include students not officially identified as Gifted & Talented, yet who would benefit from the support and challenges of the program.

## **II. ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM.**

- A. North staff will review completed application packets once they are submitted.
- B. The selection process will include but not be limited to the following: GT level test scores (CogAT, KBIT, etc.), references from academic professionals, and personal interactions with the North staff. It is necessary to determine the student's ability not only to complete the work within the classroom environment, but also to wholly and intentionally engage in the challenge and excitement of the curriculum.
- C. In the event of space concerns, qualified D11 students will have priority over non-District 11 students.
- D. Transportation for students who live *outside of the North Middle School attendance area* is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

## **III. EXPECTATIONS WITHIN THE PROGRAM.**

### **A. Student Grades**

- a. The student must maintain passing grades, defined as a "C" or better.
- b. Students receiving one or more "D" or "F" grades at a quarterly grading period will be placed on Probation.

### **B. Student Citizenship & Behavior**

- a. The student must maintain Citizenship score of 3 or higher. Students who receive any Citizenship scores of 1 or 2 at a quarterly grading period will be placed on Probation.
- b. Any In-School Alternative Placements or Out-of-School Suspensions during a quarter will result in Probation status.
  - i. A student who earns additional suspensions within the Probationary quarter will be removed from the program for the remainder of the year.

## **IV. PROBATION.**

### **A. Probation lasts for one quarter, at which time the student's status with the program will be reviewed.**

**Upon completion of the review, one of the following actions will be taken:**

- a. If the student *has met* the program expectations, Probation status will be dropped.
- b. If the student has *NOT MET* the program expectations, they will be removed from the GT Academy. Counselors will create an appropriate class schedule for each student.

## **V. WE ARE ALL HUMAN, BUT NOT ALL KIND. CHOOSE TO BE BOTH.**

We look forward to engaging your student with real life conversations and situations that will set them on the path to be productive and successful citizens. We hold our students to high standards so that they will take responsibility for their own learning by setting goals, thinking for themselves and problem-solving life's challenges. We seek to inspire students to be kind to all and encourage each other.