

## **INTRODUCING THE NORTH GT ACADEMY 2.0 & NORTH HONORS TALENT POOL**

North MS implemented the **North GT Academy** for the 2018-2019 school year, designed specifically to address shortfalls in the existing models for those students formally identified as Gifted and Talented. The **GT Academy** approaches GT education through academic challenges coupled with social and emotional support. GT students track together in academic classes and instead of pull-out GT sessions, students meet daily with a full-time GT teacher. A dedicated counselor works with GT students to address the complex social/emotional needs unique to these children.

The success of the **GT Academy** already this year has inspired us to forge ahead, building on the model to make it both more efficient and more flexible for our GT population. After gathering input from everyone involved - students, parents/guardians, teachers and administrators - the result is an innovation in GT education we call **The Strand Model of Gifted Education (SMGE)**. The SMGE is able to overlay the Master Schedule at North in a handshake allowing students and families to select tracks of emphasis that best fit the strengths and needs of their student.

For the 2019-2020 school year the **GT Academy** will offer three strands:

1. Math/Science
2. Language & Literature/Individuals & Societies
3. Art/Design

**GT students** may choose one, two or all three strands. **The social/emotional component of the GT Academy will be a part of ALL GT students' schedules through daily GT classes.**

Math/Science and Language & Literature/Individuals & Societies strands will use GT test results (from CogAT, KBIT or TOMAGS) for placement, while portfolios and recommendations will support inclusion in the Art and Design strand.

The **NEW North Honors Talent Pool** is for those students who, while not formally identified as Gifted, have a body of evidence supporting their placement in a challenging curriculum. **Talent Pool** students will select from the same strands as GT students, with the understanding that Art and Design will be on a space available status.

**Student Name:**

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**Please circle if student has:**

**ALP**

**Formal GT ID Letter**

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Please circle the option(s) under the appropriate section that best fits your child's needs:

### **GIFTED AND TALENTED OPTIONS**

Full GT Academy

Language and Literature/  
Individuals and Societies

Math and Science

Art and Design

### **TALENT POOL OPTIONS**

Full Honors

Language and Literature/  
Individuals and Societies

Math and Science

Art and Design (*space permitting*)

### **PERFORMING ARTS**

Advanced Band

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Advanced Orchestra

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

### **INTERVENTIONS**

Reading

Math

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Parent/Guardian signature and date

**PLEASE TURN IN COMPLETED FORM BY APRIL 1, 2019**