



THE B. E. S. T. ACADEMY (6-12)

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Gifted and Talented Students and Parents,

Welcome, once again, to this, where many of you have already demonstrated high degrees of motivation, exceptional skill, and the will and tenacity to persevere at the start of a virtual learning year. It is a tremendous honor to work with our bright young men as they strive to obtain an acceleration towards their post-graduate academic success.

The Gifted Program at B.E.S.T. is designed to meet the very specific needs of the gifted student, as defined by The Georgia State Board of Education, “students who demonstrate a high degree of intellectual, and/or creative ability(ies), exhibits exceptionally high degrees of motivation, and/or excels in specific academic fields, and who needs special instruction and/or special ancillary services, to achieve at levels commensurate with his or her abilities.”

This school year, the Gifted Program at B.E.S.T. Academy will be overseen by Mr. Larry Guilford, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Stephanie Rushin, HS Gifted Coordinator, Mrs. Patricia Gibson, MS Gifted Coordinator, and a team of gifted-certified teachers. Our gifted teachers differentiate their instruction in Honors and AP courses to aide our students in becoming innovative thinkers and inventors through hands-on experiences and real-world applications that are necessary for them to potentially change the world.



Gifted students also have opportunities to stretch themselves intellectually and socially through projects and extra-curricular activities. We strongly encouraged our gifted students to compete in the Academic Fair in either Math, Science, Social Studies, or Technology. Participation fosters curiosity and inquisitiveness, while teaching students the skills they need for future learning and work.

Would you like to become a part of the Gifted Program at B.E.S.T.?

The Georgia State Department of Education governs the procedures for identifying and placing students in the gifted program utilizing the APS Multiple Criteria Identification Process. Students are assessed in four areas (Mental Ability, Achievement, Creativity, and Motivation) and are required to meet minimum score levels in any three of the four areas to gain admittance.

For further information, please visit the [Atlanta Public SchoolsGATE](#) website to learn more detailed information about referrals and testing. The page includes informational FAQs and a [testing informational video](#).

Thank you for being a part of the Gifted Program at B.E.S.T. Academy 6-12. We look forward to working with the present and future movers and shakers of tomorrow.

Regards,

Stephanie Rushin
HS Gifted Coordinator