Welcome Back!

Gifted & Talented Students and Parents:

Welcome back to a new year (2025-2026) at David T. Howard Middle School. You

are among the many students at Howard who have been previously identified as

Gifted & Talented. We are excited to have such a bright group of, motivated

young people in our student body. This school year, the Gifted & Talented

program at Howard will be overseen by Mr.Ian Andre, Mr. Shelton Griffith a team of gifted-

certified teachers. We will collaborate with your teachers to ensure that you are

challenged in ways that are appropriate to your abilities.

In elementary school, you might have been in a “challenge” pull-out program

where you received special instruction in an alternative setting while other

students remained in class. In middle school, we meet your needs for academic

curiosity and autonomy, increased rigor, advanced content, through your Gifted

Advanced Content (.2) courses. Our team of gifted teachers will work with your

teachers to ensure the quality and appropriateness of differentiation for Gifted &

Talented students.

In addition to traditional classroom instruction, Gifted & Talented students also

have the opportunity to stretch themselves intellectually through projects and

extracurricular activities. Gifted & Talented students are strongly encouraged to

complete an Academic Fair project in Science, Social Studies, or Technology. We

will work with your teachers to support your efforts. If you are looking for

guidance finding a challenging extracurricular activity, please reach out to Mr Andre or Mr. Griffith.

For any questions that you might have about the Gifted & Talented Program at

Howard Middle School, please feel free to contact us or email us any time.

Thank you,

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