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 Welcome parents and students to the Atlanta Public Schools Gifted and Talented Education Program! I am Dr. Love and I will provide Gifted and Talented Education instruction this 2022-2023 school year**.** Our theme this year is ***Developing Talent with Intent.*** Our goal is to explore, extend, and enhance knowledge using Science, Technology, Art, Math, and Music (STEAM)! STEAM activities and projects, as well as, other extracurricular activities that support the social and emotional needs of all children, are ongoing throughout the school year.

Students will attend class every week. The classes are standards-based and developed using differentiated lessons and activities that promote advanced communication and research, creative thinking, problem-solving, and higher-order thinking skills. Units of study are aligned with the Georgia Standards of Excellence as well as the Atlanta Public Schools Gifted Standards.

 The first unit of study is the Human Body. We will take a close look at the skeletal system and body organs. Although there are a number of systems in the human body, our focal area will be those of the skeletal, digestive, respiratory, and circulatory system. Students will explore the body and learn how the systems work together.

 **All** GATE students are expected to participate in one or more of the following school/district wide academic activities/competitions: Science and Engineering Fair, Spelling Bee, Technology Fair, Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl and the STEAM Carnival. In addition, students are expected to complete all mini projects and end of unit performance tasks.

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