



Gifted & Talented Students and Parents/Guardians,

Crawford W. Long Middle would like to welcome you to the 2024 - 2025 school year! You are among the 51 students which only make up about 8% of our student population who have been identified as Gifted & Talented. We are excited to have a group of bright, motivated young people among our student body. This school year, Ms. Deidre Gordon and a team of certified teachers will ensure the success of your academic growth. We will collaborate with your teachers to ensure that you are challenged in ways that are appropriate to your abilities.

| <b>GIFTED TEAM &amp; SUPPORT</b> |  |
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| <b>SCHOOL CONTACT</b>            | MS. D. Gordon,<br>8th grade gifted math teacher          |
| <b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM CHAIR</b>    | MS. N. Hall,<br>8th grade gifted social studies teacher  |
| <b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER</b>   | Mrs. McCreary-Maize,<br>8th grade gifted science teacher |
| <b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER</b>   | Dr. Robinson,<br>ELA/Social Studies Coach                |

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| <b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER</b> | Dr. Dyas Tucker,<br>Healthcare connections teacher   |
| <b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER</b> | Ms. Raven,<br>8th grade inclusion teacher            |
| <b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER</b> | Dr. Phyllis Robinson,<br>6th grade Social Studies    |
| <b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER</b> | Ms. Oluwatomilayo Okuboyejo<br>7th grade ELA teacher |
| <b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER</b> | Mrs. McCall-McCou, principal                         |

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, and 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.

| <b>Teachers of GIFTED Students</b> |                             |                             |                             |
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|                                    | <b>6<sup>th</sup> GRADE</b> | <b>7<sup>th</sup> GRADE</b> | <b>8<sup>th</sup> GRADE</b> |
| <b>GATE ELA</b>                    | Ms. Leaunckarina Fisher     | Ms. Harness                 | Ms. Apostolos               |
| <b>GATE MATH</b>                   | Ms. N. Massey               | Ms. Gibson                  | Ms. D. Gordon               |
| <b>GATE SCIENCE</b>                | Ms. Rush-Idigo              | Ms. Freeman                 | Mrs. S. Maize               |

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| <b>GATE</b>           | Dr. P. Robinson | Ms. Elisha Fields | Ms. N. Hall |
| <b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> |                 |                   |             |

In addition to traditional classroom instruction, Gifted & Talented students will be able 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, and/or Technology. We will work with your teachers to support their efforts. If you are looking for guidance in finding a challenging extracurricular activity, please reach out to Ms. Gordon. See the list of academic extracurricular activities on our school's website.

Ms. Gordon is available to answer any questions that you might have about the Gifted & Talented Program at Long Middle School. You may also see the answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Gifted and Talented Education in Middle School on our website. For more immediate concerns, please feel free to email me at any time.

Yours in Education,

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