



Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year at Crawford W. Long Middle School!

You are part of a select group of just 55 students, representing about 9% of our school population who have been identified as Gifted & Talented. We are thrilled to have such bright, motivated learners as members of our school community.

This year, Ms. Deidre Gordon, along with a team of certified teachers, will be dedicated to supporting your academic success. We will work closely with your classroom teachers to ensure you are challenged with opportunities that match your strengths, spark your curiosity, and encourage your continued growth.

GIFTED TEAM & SUPPORT	
GIFTED LEAD and SCHOOL CONTACT	MS. D. Gordon, 8th Grade Gifted Math Teacher
ELIGIBILITY TEAM CHAIR	MS. N. Hall, 8th Grade Gifted Social Studies Teacher
ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER	Mrs. McCreary-Maize, 8th Grade Gifted Science Teacher
ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER	Dr. Robinson, ELA/Social Studies Coach

ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER	Dr. Dyas Tucker, Gifted Healthcare Connections Teacher
ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER	Ms. Flo, 7th grade inclusion teacher
ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER	Dr. Phyllis Robinson, Gifted 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher
ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER	Ms. Oluwatomilayo Okuboyejo 7th grade ELA Teacher
ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER	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/or advanced content through your Gifted Advanced Content (.2) courses or differentiating the grade level content using project based or exploratory learning.

Teachers of GIFTED Students

6th Grade GATE SOCIAL STUDIES - Dr. P. Robinson
7th GRADE GATE MATH - Dr. Gibson GATE SOCIAL STUDIES - Ms. Fields
8th GRADE GATE MATH - Ms. Gordon GATE SOCIAL STUDIES - Ms. N. Hall GATE SCIENCE - Mrs. Maize

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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