



**Gifted & Talented Students and Parents/Guardians:**

Crawford W. Long Middle would like to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year! You are among the 62 students which make up about 14% 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>	
<b>SCHOOL CONTACT</b>	Ms. D. Gordon
<b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM CHAIR</b>	Ms. N. Hall
<b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER</b>	Mrs. McCreary-Maize
<b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER</b>	Dr. Robinson
<b>ELIGIBILITY TEAM MEMBER</b>	Mrs. Bianca Bell

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.

<b>GIFTED TEACHERS</b>			
	6th GRADE	7th GRADE	8th GRADE
<b>GATE ELA</b>	Dr. T. Randerson	Dr. N. Brodie	Ms. S. Ford
<b>GATE MATH</b>	Ms. N. Massey	Mrs. B. Bell	Ms. D. Gordon
<b>GATE SCIENCE</b>	Ms. F. Macharia	Ms. K. Raven	Ms. S. Maize
<b>GATE SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	Mrs. P. Robinson	Mr. G. Colston	Ms. N. Hall

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 Math, Science, Social Studies, *or* Technology. We will work with your teachers to support their efforts. If you are looking for guidance 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 *Gifted and Talented Education in Middle School Frequently Asked Questions* on our website. For more immediate concerns, please feel free to email us at any time.

If your child is not currently identified as Gifted & Talented, and you would like them to be tested this school year, the parent referral period begins September 1, 2022, and ends September 30, 2022. Please see the *Screening and Referral Frequently Asked Questions* on our website.

Sincerely,

Ms. Deidre Gordon  
dgordon@apsk12.org

## **Additional Activities and Recognitions that support the Gifted and Talented Program:**

**National Junior Beta Club** – the National Beta Club is the nation's largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization. We are committed to recognizing and promoting high academic achievement, rewarding, and nurturing worthy character, fostering leadership skills and encouraging service to others. Our mission is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service, and leadership among elementary and secondary school students. See your grade level counselor or Ms. Stinson for more information.

**Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl** – Our mission is to promote recreational reading for personal interest and enrichment. Club activities include hosting author visits and book discussions, book/movie parties, community service projects, and the annual Great Grady Book Swap in the courtyard. See Dr. Davenport our Media Specialist for details.

**G3 Robotics Team** – Students work with adult engineering mentors to design and build robots for the FIRST robotics competitions. In addition to engineering, our team also provides students with the opportunity to learn leadership, speaking, and writing skills.

**Grady Earth Club** is an environmental service-learning club. We cultivate the school garden and participate in a variety of environmentally themed field experiences and community service projects.

**HOSA: Future Healthcare Professionals** – The mission of HOSA is to enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health science education students, therefore, helping the student meet the needs of the health care community. Please speak with Dr. Tucker, our Healthcare Teacher for more information.