



# COLUMBUS GIFTED ACADEMY

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**Special Program – Eligibility Required**

**Website:** <http://www.columbusgiftedacademy.ccssoh.org/>

**PROGRAM PURPOSE:** To engage, enrich, and empower gifted learners through unique, rigorous, self-directed educational experiences in a collaborative learning environment that supports the whole child within and beyond the classroom.

**PROGRAM VISION:** Active Learners. Innovative Thinkers. Compassionate Leaders.

**DRESS CODE:** Clothing in accordance with CCS GUIDE TO STUDENT SUCCESS.

**CURRICULUM:** Reading, math, language arts, science, social studies, art, music, and physical education are taught through an integrated, problem-based curriculum with drama embedded throughout all grade levels with the support of our community partners. Mathematics and language arts are taught in a mastery format allowing students to progress through advanced levels of content at their own pace. Sandra Kaplan's Depth and Complexity Framework is integrated in standards-based curriculum to ensure appropriate rigor for the gifted learner. Supplemental language arts units developed by the College of William and Mary and supplemental math units from Kendall Hunt's Mentoring Mathematical Minds (M3) program provide additional challenge for students. Students interested in pursuing foreign language study may do so through independent study with school mentoring.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** We have a very strong Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) ready to assist in any way. We also have an active parent group called PACE created to support families of gifted students across the district. PACE is an affiliate of the Ohio Association for Gifted Children. Both groups have their own websites and Facebook pages.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:** Students at all levels work with a wide range of community partners and individual volunteers. Our middle school program works closely with key community partners as they engage in real-world learning scenarios. Interdisciplinary projects have been developed in partnership with Actors' Theatre of Columbus, Center for Science and Industry (COSI), Columbus Museum of Art (CMA), Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Grange Audubon, Ohio History Connection, PAST Foundation, See Kids Dream and Thurber House.

**WHAT MAKES OUR PROGRAM OUTSTANDING:** We are the first and only separately-housed program for gifted students in Central Ohio. This allows us to tailor the academic curriculum and social-emotional supports to the special needs of these students.

**ACTIVITIES:** Choir and Orchestra are available to students in grades 4 and up. Students may choose to participate in a variety of enrichment clubs, such as chess, debate, robotics, newspaper, math, art, book club, intramural sports, student council, and many more. Students in grades 7 and 8 may participate in interscholastic sports with their home school of record.

**WHERE WE ARE LOCATED:** We are located in the heart of the city in the Short North Arts District just a few steps west of High Street.

**ABOUT OUR STAFF:** All of our core academic teachers possess a gifted endorsement on their licenses and are highly qualified. Each has many years of experience teaching in gifted programs. Our Unified Arts and support staff are all highly qualified in their respective areas and have experience in working with students who are gifted.