



Program History

- The Columbus Gifted Academy (CGA) is a self-contained gifted program housed at the former Everett Middle School in the historic Short North Arts District. We serve a diverse set of students from 65 schools throughout the Columbus City Schools district.
- CGA is an intentional cluster grouping of self-contained gifted classrooms that serves students in Grades 3-8 who are identified as gifted and talented in either a) superior cognitive ability or b) reading and mathematics. Families do not apply to the program via lottery.
- 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.
- CGA exists as an essential component of the gifted service model serving students with the most significant neurodivergent learning needs and fostering a community of intellectual peers.

Program Highlights

- Project-based learning
- Higher-level and creative thinking embedded into curriculum
- Opportunities for students to incorporate interest and choice in learning activities
- Mathematics Mastery-Based Rolling Acceleration
- Grades 6-8 Expeditionary Learning Program
- Focus on the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) and development of Organizational/Executive Functioning Skills specific to the needs of gifted learners
- Students in Grades 7 and 8 have the opportunity to participate in sports and extra-curricular activities where available at their home schools of enrollment

In a CGA Classroom, students have the opportunity to...

- Receive instruction from a staff of fully-licensed gifted specialists
- Learn at a pace suited to their individual needs
- Gain independence in their learning while evaluating the quality of their work
- Apply learning to real world scenarios
- Develop leadership qualities by assuming responsibility for their academic and social activities
- Feel safe in a community of their peers
- GROW AND THRIVE!!

"I love CGA. It has given me a space where I can express myself and explore my interests in a positive and understanding environment."

-- CGA 8th Grade Student

Community Partnerships

- Columbus Actors' Theatre
- Columbus Museum of Art
- Grange Insurance Audubon Center
- Momentum
- Ohio History Connection
- Roto Design
- Thompson Recreation Center
- Thurber House

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