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Gifted Education Resources:

Georgia Standards of
Excellence (GSE)

www.gadoe.org

National Association for
Gifted Children

www.nagc.org

Georgia Association for the
Gifted Child

www.gagc.org

National Society for the
Gifted & Talented

www.nsgt.org



Dawson County School System

Gifted Education Program 2023-2024

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The Dawson County School System is committed to meeting the needs of our students through multiple programmatic offerings. Gifted Education is an important component of our total instructional program. Students who perform at an extremely high level and meet the challenging entrance criteria for the program will be asked to meet high expectations in their identified areas of exceptionality. Further, these students will be expected to use skills that allow them to strive for higher levels of understanding and performance. These are exciting opportunities that we hope parents and students will embrace.

Our system has enhanced our capacity to serve Gifted and Talented students by encouraging additional teachers to attain their gifted teaching endorsement and participate in Advanced Placement training. Many teachers have accepted this challenge; and, in so doing, have provided us the ability to serve students in a wider variety of settings. Teachers' ability to differentiate instruction helps to ensure that all students are challenged at their true level of ability. We believe that the expertise of our teachers will be evident to you.

We look forward to working with your child in the Gifted Education Program. We welcome your feedback and support as we reach for excellence for all students.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nicole LeCave
Superintendent
Dawson County Schools



Your Gifted & Talented Child

The words above & below may be ways to describe your child. Gifted and talented children are amazingly similar and at the same time, different from their peers. They bring innovative and creative thinking to the classroom.

Teachers with gifted certification will strive to ensure rigor and challenge for your child in all subject areas and grade levels.

Curriculum & Instruction

The Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) offers college and career readiness for ALL students; however, the Dawson County Gifted Education Program offers opportunities for acceleration and differentiation. The elementary schools utilize advanced content & cluster delivery models, while the middle & junior high schools are able to provide the advanced content model in most academic content areas and at all grade levels.

Advanced placement courses, internships, and dual enrollment with post-secondary institutions are delivery models utilized by Dawson County High School to effectively meet the needs of high school gifted and talented students.

Gifted Models Offered at Dawson County Schools

Cluster Grouping Model

Gifted students learn in a small group setting within the traditional classroom.

Advanced Content Model

A rigorous and accelerated curriculum is used for the gifted and advanced learners in their own classroom.

Advanced Placement Model

Students have the opportunity to take college-level courses in high school and earn advanced placement &/or credit in college by obtaining a qualifying score on the AP exam.

Dual Enrollment

High school students partner with a post-secondary institution to take college-level courses for dual credit.

The Gifted Referral & Testing Process

For information and details regarding the referral and testing process, please visit:
www.dawsoncountyschools.org