



## HONORS SPECIAL PROJECTS

Honors Special Projects is a semester-long elective designed for students identified as Gifted and Talented. All GaTE students take part in this course during 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

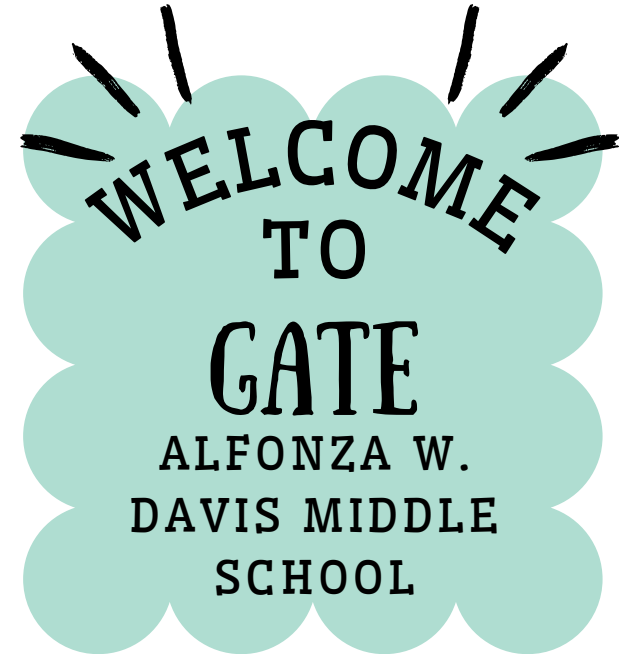
Throughout the semester, students engage in a variety of projects aimed at showcasing and enhancing their creativity, critical thinking, inquiry, and problem-solving abilities.



## HONORS COURSES

- ***Advanced Math 6***
- ***Advanced Math 7***
- ***Honors Algebra 1-2***
- ***Honors Geometry 1-2***
- ***Honors Language Arts (ELA) 7***
- ***Honors ELA 8***
- ***Honors Science 7***
- ***Honors Physical Science (Grade 8)***
- ***Honors Special Projects***

Placement in honors and advanced courses is determined by standardized assessments, classroom performance, and other established criteria.



**Programs and Opportunities for Gifted and Talented Students**

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## ABOUT GATE

Advanced Academics and Gifted and Talented Education (GaTE) programs in the Omaha Public Schools develop the strengths and talents of all students and offer services at all grade levels to meet a broad range of students needs. Every student needs to be challenged and engaged in exciting learning experiences. Some students need different learning experiences to address their cognitive and social-emotional needs.

Advanced Academics continue in Middle School through participation in honors courses and many clubs and activities. All GaTE services take place either in an honors course or by choosing one or more activities that are sponsored by the Gifted and Talented program. Each Middle School has a GaTE Facilitator to coordinate events and activities, teach honors courses, and make sure each students' needs are met.

## IDENTIFICATION

The Nebraska Department of Education, Rule 3, requires schools to develop a system to identify learners with high ability. To be identified as Gifted and Talented, OPS students are required to meet three of the four following criteria:

### COGNITIVE

Top 5% at the school or national level on an intelligence/cognitive assessment.

### ACHIEVEMENT

Top 5% at the school, state, or national level on a grade level standardized or norm-references achievement test.

### MOTIVATION/PERFORMANCE

3.5 or greater on end of term or cumulative G.P.A, OR qualifying recommendation for Motivation/Performance as recorded on the Parent/Guardian/Student/Staff (PGSS) Recommendation.

### CREATIVITY/LEADERSHIP

Qualifying recommendation for Creativity or Leadership as recorded on the Parent/Guardian/Student/Staff Recommendation.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Think Tank
- Writing Retreat
- Quiz Bowl
- Book Blasters
- NJHS
- Math Counts
- Robotics
- Spelling Bee
- African American History Challenge

