

Gifted & Talented Programs

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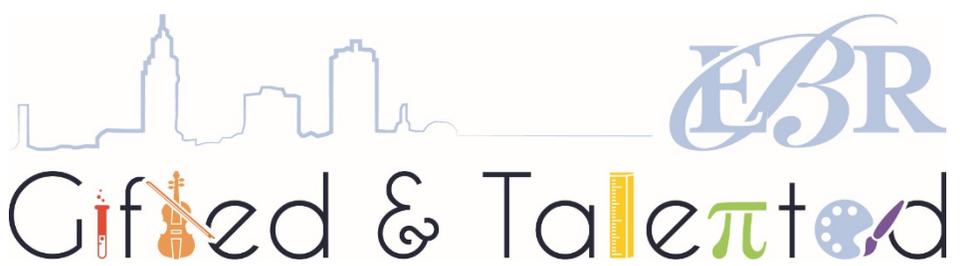
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A Biannual Insight into Middle & High School GT Programs

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Special Programs >>>

Academically Gifted

An academic program for identified gifted students in Pre-K (3-year-olds) to 12th grade. Classes provide a high degree of complexity and extend beyond the curriculum offered in traditional classes. Gifted teachers have advanced degrees and certifications in Academically Gifted education that enable the teacher to individualize each student's educational program. Classes feature a reduced class size and a setting with intellectual peers.

Talented Arts

A program for students identified as Talented in visual arts, music, and/or theatre in K to 12th grade. Talented classes feature a reduced class size and are designed to provide experiences that enable the Talented student to further develop skills in their areas of talent and increase discipline knowledge as each student grows as an artist. Teachers are professional artists and Talented certified to provide students individualized and advanced instruction in their areas of talent.

Great Scholars Academy

Great Scholars Academy is an advanced academic program available in select middle and high schools. It is designed to parallel a level of rigor and individualized instruction offered in the Gifted Program. To qualify, students must score Mastery or Above (84th percentile) in 2+ areas on a standardized assessment in the last 12 months. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher and good behavior standards to remain eligible.

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for more information about Special Programs offered by the EBRP Gifted Office



Building a Legacy

Talented Arts Programs Leave Their Marks

2020 brought many challenges to arts education, but GT sites adapted to these challenges and created opportunities for students to highlight their artistic, musical, and theatrical talents. With the return of students to campus this fall, students continue to flourish in Talented courses. Keep reading to learn about some of these new opportunities for Talented Arts students in EBR.

Students in Talented Art at **Glasgow Middle School** are studying mural techniques and developing their own murals on campus. Ms. Dave's TVA students have been working with a traditional Indian relief art mural craft called lippan kaam, also known as mud and mirror work. The students are using folk art motifs and geometric patterns to create their murals using paper mâché, mirrors, and recycled tiles. Students in Ms. Harlan's class created murals to beautify the campus. One class worked collaboratively on a mural design measuring 8ft x 12ft, which highlights various art programs at Glasgow.

Another class created works painted outside on metal. The pieces were inspired by transforming their surroundings into new life. Students were introduced to exterior enamel paint and oil-based blending techniques with the new medium.

At **McKinley Senior High School**, Ms. Bell saw a need for her Talented Visual Art students and went to work to bring new technology and supplies to them. Based on her experience with 3D printers at other sites, she knew McKinley needed this

opportunity for students. With community support, she quickly funded the purchase of a new 3D printer and a series of Arts Labs. Students will use the printer to create small-scale models of creative projects, and partnerships have been developed with other teachers to build cross-curricular projects. This year's Arts Labs will feature pottery wheel throwing, gelli printing, watercolor painting, wire sculpture, and more!

"We are excited to have such a wonderfully impactful device to diversify & expand our students' learning!" -Ms. Bell, McKinley HS

Under the direction of Mrs. Bouquet, the **Woodlawn Middle School** Talented Theatre students wrote and produced *The Wizard of Woodlawn*, an original production in the spring of 2021. All the performers walked down the red carpet and were questioned by paparazzi before the premiere in the BREC Park next to the school. Principal Brown even made her debut as the Wizard! This fall, TTH students recently presented set designs for the Sherlock Holmes play, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. They used industry standard foam board and learned how to read and use an architectural scale in order to create stages, sets, and actors on a 1/4 inch scale. You can see more of their set designs on the WMS Facebook page.

Be sure to follow EBR Gifted & Talented Programs on social media to learn about upcoming Talented Theatre and Music performances and Talented Art showcases.



More than Academics

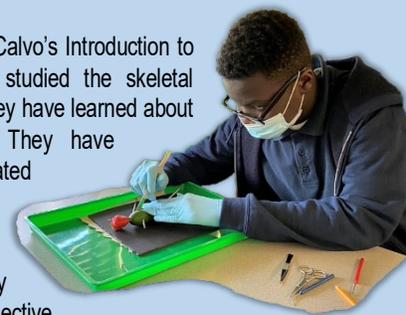
Special Electives for GT students

Did you know Gifted and Talented students have the opportunity to take specialized elective courses offered at their GT school sites? By choosing these schools, scholars are able to have their academic needs and unique interests met by pursuing areas of study such as forensic science, robotics, Roman technology, world language immersion, and the list goes on and on.

In addition to dance and hip hop courses, **McKinley High School** is excited to announce the addition of a one-of-a-kind ballet course taught by Ms. Stamper, former captain of the Southern University Fabulous Dancing Dolls. GT scholars are excited to pirouette their way to the top in this new class, but if dance is not your forte, GT scholars can get their engines roaring in their Auto Technology course sequence. Students get hands-on mechanical experience with basic brake service, steering and suspension services, and diagnostics while they work toward an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification.



Glasgow Middle School students in Ms. Calvo's Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology class recently studied the skeletal system. Through hands-on lab activities, they have learned about body proportions and bone fractures. They have completed a bone density analysis and created infographics about common diseases.



At **Westdale Middle**, many of the Gifted and Great Scholars Academy students enjoy the STEM-based Aquaponics I and II elective courses that center around nontraditional farming techniques within an indoor lab setting. They not only benefit from working in the lab and growing plants, but they are proud to pass on their experiences to others by sharing plants and giving tours of the lab.

There has been an increase in GT students enrolling in career-oriented electives at **Woodlawn High School**. Whether it's engineering, sports medicine, or culinary arts, GT scholars take advantage of the chance to learn a new skill, study a possible career pathway, and take a break from academic coursework to do something they enjoy. They can earn industry-based certifications as well.

Along with specialized elective options, all middle and high school GT sites offer accelerated coursework for GT students to get a head start on the next level of schooling with high school credit courses in middle school and options to earn early college credit in high school.



A Step above the Rest

GT Student Athletes Rise to the Top

GT student athletes are leaving behind a legacy of excellence on and off the field at EBR Gifted and Talented sites. With some of the highest GPAs on the team, these scholars continue to meet eligibility requirements and qualify for All District, All State, and All Academic teams.

At **Westdale Middle School**, Gifted, Great Scholars Academy, and Talented students on the Lady Hawks volleyball team were Parish Champions for the 2020-2021 school year, and Westdale's football team is District Champions this year! Middle school teams at Westdale, Woodlawn and Glasgow Middle serve as avenues for GT student athletes to hone skills before entering the high school arena at McKinley and Woodlawn High.

With 25 LHSAA athletic teams, GT students at **Woodlawn High School** often compete on multiple teams. Great Scholars student and WHS Student of the Year S. Kawji is not only at the top of her class and captain of the soccer team, but she competed for the Panther track, cross country, and powerlifting teams. Gifted Senior M. Watson has started for the Varsity football team for four years; competed for baseball, tennis, and powerlifting teams; and swam at the state level for the swim team.

Great Scholars student & early graduate J. Matthews received signing offers from 24 colleges.

With opportunities to play on competitive teams, earn athletic scholarships, and develop their character, GT scholars continue to choose schools where they can showcase their academic and athletic talents.



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