

## Florida's Frameworks for Gifted Learners

### **Goal 1—Complexity of Knowledge**

Gifted students will be able to critically examine the complexity of knowledge; the location, definition and organization of a variety of fields of knowledge.

### **Goal 2—Questioning Skills**

Gifted students will be able to create, adapt and assess multifaceted questions in a variety of fields.

### **Goal 3—Research Skills**

Gifted students will be able to conduct thoughtful research, use a variety of research tools and manipulate informational sources.

### **Goal 4—Creative and Critical Thinking**

Gifted students will be able to think creatively and critically to identify and solve real world problems.

### **Goal 5—Leadership Skills**

Gifted students will assume leadership roles, accept divergent views, identify leadership traits and organize groups to achieve project goals.

### **Goal 6—Goal Setting**

Gifted students will be able to set and achieve personal, academic and career goals.

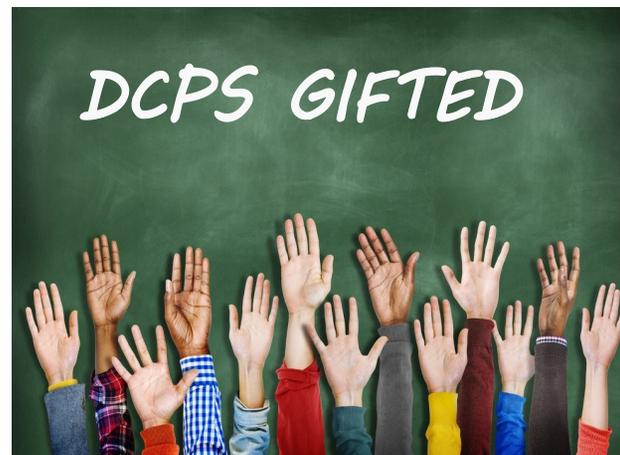
### **Goal 7—Project Based Learning**

Gifted students will develop and deliver a variety of authentic products and performances that demonstrate their understanding.

## What is Middle School Gifted Programming?

In DCPS middle school gifted programs, students are clustered together in a class where they receive differentiated instruction every day in the core content subject areas. Classroom teachers are endorsed by the State of Florida in gifted education and work with the support of a Gifted Learning Lead teacher and/or district support specialists. Instruction and curriculum is specifically designed for the gifted learner.

Cluster grouping high-ability learners allows the teacher to compact lessons, enrich content, encourage higher-level thinking and increase complexity of learning. Students are given the opportunity to work at an accelerated pace, have choice in the way they present learned information, engage in problem based learning, and practice leadership skills.



## Curriculum Highlights

**The Duval County Middle School Gifted Curriculum is aligned to the Florida core content standards and the Florida Frameworks for Gifted Learners. It includes differentiated lessons specific for the gifted learner, allowing for critical thinking, creative problem solving, in-depth research and collaborative learning. The curriculum includes lessons in Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Math.**



### **Gifted Curriculum Resources include:**

- Choice board activities
- Project based learning with varying products
- Student interests and exploration
- Leadership skills
- Cooperative group learning experiences
- Increased complexity
- Inquiry based lessons

