



Heritage Middle School Gifted Program

6th Gr. Language Arts/Social Studies – Kim Reeves
7th & 8th Gr. Language Arts - Billie Carlock
Social Studies/GA History – Beth Chappelle
Math – Pam O’Keefe & Denie Pursley
Science – Denise Montgomery

Gifted classes emphasize:

- * **Critical thinking**
- * **Problem-solving**
- * **Collaboration and Cooperation**
- * **Independent learning**
- * **Self Assessment on assignments and tasks**
- * **Personal responsibility**

An example of gifted opportunities are:

- Gifted students are offered enrichment in ELT (Extended Learning Time)
- Fieldtrips and special events
- 7th Grade - Duke University Talent Search

Criteria: Students qualify by meeting the Georgia Gifted criteria in the chart below.

	Mental Ability	Achievement	Creativity	Motivation
Score	96% or higher is needed in verbal, nonverbal, quantitative or composite	90% is higher is needed in Reading total, math total, or composite	90% or higher is need on the county chosen creativity instrument	GPA of 3.7 for the last 2 years

Students must qualify in 3 of the 4 areas to qualify for services.

Nomination: Students may be referred by a parent or a teacher. Referrals can be made anytime, but testing is in the fall and spring.

Classes: In accordance with state criteria, each student is served in at least one horizon academic class. However, area of strength, teacher recommendation, or scheduling limitations may be considered in placing a student in a horizon class or more than one class.

Continuation Policy: According to the State Department of Education regulations and procedures, continued placement in the program for identified students is satisfactory performance in gifted education classes. A probationary period is provided for students not performing at a satisfactory level. (Note: If a parent voluntarily asks for a student to be placed inactive, it is the parent’s responsibility to notify the teacher if the child wishes to return to the gifted class.)

A “C” or better in the academic gifted subject areas is required in order to continue to receive gifted services. Any academic grade, lower than a C, will result in automatic probation. The academic subjects include language arts, mathematics, foreign language, social studies, and science.