

Southwest Middle School

Gifted Advanced Placement Preparation

Mrs. Jasmine DeLaughter, Principal



Registration Year 2023 - 2024

Dear Student and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Gifted Advanced Placement Preparation (GAPP) program at Southwest. The program is designed to meet the special needs of academically talented students. Each student will be exposed to increased rigor within each class. The program is designed to provide a seamless entry into high school advanced placement programs, as well as specialized academics that enhance students' critical and creative thinking abilities.

The 8th Grade GAPP program has sixty-six seats available for the 2023-2024 school year. Students who were in the GAPP program last year do not need to fill out a new application. A team of teachers that hold or are working toward Gifted Certification will loop with the 7th and 8th grade students each year to provide an academically challenging curriculum while fostering strong, positive interpersonal relationships among students and teachers, which in turn, will increase learning opportunities for students.

Please review with your child, **all** of the information in this packet. The successful GAPP student is personally motivated to excel in a challenging program and contribute to a diverse and dynamic community of learners. If your student's homeschool is not Southwest Middle School, you must complete an Educational Location Option (ELO) by February 24th. The ELO application can be found on the district web site under the parent tab.

All new applicants should return their completed applications, with their registration form, handwritten essay and parent recommendation form to Southwest Middle school by **3:00 PM on Friday, May 5, 2023**. ***Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.***

Final decisions for acceptance will be made by **Friday, May 12th**. All students who have been accepted into the GAPP program will receive an acceptance letter.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Laura Glover, Assistant Principal
GAPP, Program Administrator
Email Address: Glover.Laura@brevardschools.org
Phone (321) 952-5800
Fax (321) 952-5819

Colleen Rockstraw, GAPP Counselor
Email Address: Rockstraw.Colleen@brevardschools.org
Phone (321) 952-5800 ext. 34623

Gifted Advanced Placement Preparation (GAPP)

8th Grade Application

Please Print

Student Name: _____ Student Number: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: _____
(Home) (Cell)

Parent Name: _____ Parent Email Address: _____

School Attended in 2022 - 2023 _____

Application Checklist

- Complete this page
- Copy of the first semester report card for 7th Grade
- GAPP Essay
- GAPP Student Performance Contract
- Parent Recommendation form (please fill out student name on recommendation forms)
- 2 Recommendations from teachers who are familiar with your academic work and Potential

Important Dates

February 24, 2023
May 5, 2023
May 12, 2023

Complete the ELO on Brevard Public School's Website
8th Grade GAPP Applications due to Southwest
8th Grade Acceptance Letters mailed home

For Southwest Use Only

ELA _____ Math _____ Science _____

Other _____

Southwest Middle School
GAPP
Student Performance Contract

Student Name _____

Grade _____

I, _____, a student in the GAPP program at Southwest Middle School, understand that I am part of a rigorous two year academic program. Once accepted into the GAPP Program, I will remain in the program through my 8th grade year.

I am required to fulfill the following:

- I will maintain a 3.0 grade point average for 7th and 8th grade. I understand that not meeting this requirement could place me on academic probation for a nine week grading period. Failing to make adequate progress during the probation period may be reviewed by the GAPP Placement Committee to identify the need for changes in class placement that may be more appropriate to support my academic needs.
- I will contribute to a positive learning environment by following all class and school rules. I will not be permitted to disrupt the learning process. Continuous failure to comply will result in administrative intervention.
- I will complete assignments and other activities that require reading, constructing, creating, and writing outside of regular school hours. I understand the commitment to learning and developing higher order thinking skills. I also will invest the time needed on long term projects and assignments.
- I will complete all assignments and hand in all assignments by the due date. I understand consequences for late work will be applied.
- I will maintain excellent attendance, and I will be responsible for gathering and completing my make-up work. I understand that it is my responsibility to complete any work that is missed.
- I will proactively participate in my education by using all available resources, including teacher websites, academic support programs and make up sessions. I am participating in an accelerated program that will require me to think and perform independently.
- I will take an academic elective each year such as Spanish, Spanish 2, Digital Information Technology, Speech and Debate, Law Studies, etc.

I, _____ have read the Course Performance Contract for the GAPP Program and understand the conditions for my participation in 7th and 8th grade.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Southwest Middle School- GAPP program
PARENT Recommendation Form
CONFIDENTIAL

Student Name:_____.

Student Number:_____.

Directions to parents: Your child is applying for admission to Southwest Middle School's GAPP program. Please answer the following questions with as much detail as possible.

Strengths: What are your child's strengths as a student? How have those strengths helped them to be successful in school?

Weaknesses: What are your child's weaknesses as a student? What will they have to do to be successful in the GAPP program?

Other: Please share with us any additional information you would like us to consider.

Parent signature:_____

Date:_____

Southwest Middle School – GAPP Program
TEACHER Recommendation Form
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Student Name _____

Student Number: _____

Directions to Teacher: Your student is applying for admission to Southwest Middle School’s GAPP program. Please complete.

	Almost Always	Often	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
Ease of Learning- Enjoys the challenge of problems, assignments, and issues. Learns quickly and is willing to seek extra help when needed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adaptability- Approached ideas and problems from a number of directions. Finds alternative means of solving problems. Thinks about ideas in new ways.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Initiative and Enthusiasm- Is a highly motivated, independent worker. Seeks additional tasks; is intellectually curious; and stays actively engaged in activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Persistence- Stays with tasks; relates progress on tasks to accomplishment of larger goals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reliability and Integrity- Is scrupulous and punctual in fulfilling obligations; readily takes responsibility, submits work on time and displays good work habits.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reasoning- Uses logical, analytical reasoning and/or creative, divergent thinking to consider ideas or solve problems. (Originality and elaboration of thinking).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communications- Communicates effectively and is willing and able to collaborate with peers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organization- Manages time, resources, and materials; meets deadlines; divides tasks into subtasks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leadership Qualities- Shows respect and tolerance to others’ views. Is willing to accept the ideas of others and contributes to the group process.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work Ethic- Understands the importance of integrity, responsibility, quality, discipline and has a sense of teamwork.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Is this student capable of working successfully in the GAPP Program? _____ Yes or _____ No

Please check one:

_____ I highly recommend _____ I recommend _____ I do not recommend - Please provide explanation.

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Please seal this recommendation in an envelope and sign your name across the seal.
Please send this recommendation to Laura Glover at Southwest Middle School

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