



Middle Township Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In preparation for scheduling our gifted classes for next year, we realize all children have unique strengths and talents and require opportunities to learn, grow, and be challenged to strive for excellence. Some children have intellectual skills and abilities that significantly differ in degree and dimension from their chronological age peers and, therefore, require the challenge of a differentiated curriculum both in depth and scope in order to provide them with the opportunity to maximize their potential.

During the month of June, we will be collecting data and reviewing multiple measures. The multiple measures will vary depending upon grade level, but will include such items as reading levels, STAR assessment results, class grades, benchmark results, and previous standardized test scores as current school year standardized test scores will be unavailable due to the cancellation of testing. Teachers will have the opportunities to identify students in their classes; however, we would also like to extend the opportunity for parents/guardians to nominate students to ensure a thorough process.

While there are many types of giftedness, we are currently only able to provide support in mathematics and language arts. Space will be limited. Therefore, we will be focusing on students working above grade level in one or both of these two content areas. Completing the nomination does not ensure acceptance into gifted and talented program(s) offered for your child's grade level, however, it will provide important preliminary information to the screening committee. **Completion of form however, is required even if your child was in gifted classes this past school year.** It will also help to identify students who may not currently be working above their grade level peers, but would benefit from more enhanced instruction enriched within the general education classroom.

Resources as well as the parent nomination forms can be located on the school's website. Should you choose to complete the nomination form, please be certain to return the form to your child's principal no later than Friday, June 15, 2021.

If you desire further clarification regarding this process, please contact the Middle School office at (609)465-1834.

Educationally,

Mr. Jeff Ortman
Principal
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