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# Did You Know?

 At the STEM Academy 55% of our staff is gifted endorsed? What does that mean for your child? It means more opportunities for challenging curriculum and instruction.

The philosophy of the Savannah Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS) gifted department is to meet the instructional needs of gifted learners based on each student’s unique abilities. Modifications must be made in content, process, product, and pacing of curriculum. The gifted program emphasizes the gifted students’ need for interaction with intellectual peers and for an educational experience that includes a high level of depth and rigor compared to students in the general population. Collaboration is encouraged between teachers, parents, and students to adapt resources and instructional methods that will allow for specialized educational experiences which will promote the development and expression of the gifted student reaching his/her highest potential. The SCCPSS gifted department offers nomination, testing, and services to students from all walks of life.



# Gifted Philosophy

The STEM Academy offers several gifted educational formats: compacted curriculum in 6th and 7th grade, gifted cluster classes, collaborative models, advanced/accelerated content, and high school credit classes.

In 6th and 7th grade all English Language Arts and Mathematics classes are accelerated and compacted. In 6th grade classes the students’ curriculum is compacted for 6th and half of 7th grade. In 7th grade students complete the rest of 7th grade and 8th grade. In 8th grade students take three high school credit classes: Physical Science, Coordinate Algebra, and Composition and Literature.

In Science and Social Studies we use the cluster model for classes, which means that the teachers are gifted endorsed and that there are gifted students in each class.

This year we are also offering Latin 1, Art 1, and Research, Design, and Project Management for options for 8th grade. Latin 1 A and 1 B is an option for all 7th graders as well.

# Gifted Programming @ STEM



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