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## Gifted Curriculum

Gifted students at Fort Clarke Middle School can be enrolled in up to five advanced level or gifted classes:

- Gifted Science
  - Gifted Social Studies
  - Reading OR R.E.A.C.H. Reading & Research
  - Language Arts OR R.E.A.C.H. Language Arts
  - Advanced Math, Algebra I Honors, Geometry Honors, or Advanced Mathematics at BHS
  - PLUS, awesome elective classes:
    - Advanced Percussion (yearlong)
    - Beginning Band (yearlong)
    - Beginning Spanish (semester)
    - Chorus (yearlong)
    - Concert Band (yearlong)
    - Information & Communication Technology I and II (yearlong)
    - Musical Theater (semester)
    - Personal Development (semester)
    - Physical Education (semester)
    - Spanish I (yearlong)
    - Symphonic Band (yearlong)
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## Curriculum Highlights

- Advanced math options offered at each grade
- Participation in math competitions in partnership with BHS
- Six general computer labs and PC & Mac mobile labs to facilitate learning through technology
- Multimedia projects, including iLife, iMovie, podcasting, and blogging, throughout the curriculum
- Science classes that emphasize experimental laboratory work and virtual experiments
- Independent research projects driven by student interests
- Exclusive partnership with UF libraries
- Alachua County's only National History Day participants
- Active chapter of National Junior Honor Society
- Guest speakers
- Regional Science Fair participants
- Many extracurricular activities

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## The Gifted Program at Fort Clarke Middle School

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The Gifted Program stresses academic excellence and is dedicated to providing an atmosphere where students come first and where there exists an excitement about learning that allows students to participate and achieve excellence.



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# Grade Level Gifted Offerings @ FMCS

## 6th Grade

Gifted Earth & Space Science

Gifted World History

## 7th Grade

Gifted Life Science

Gifted Civics

## 8th Grade

Gifted Physical Science

Gifted U.S. History

In addition to these gifted course offerings, each year gifted students will be placed in the appropriate reading, language arts, and math courses based on their grades and standardized test scores, as well as the electives of their choice.

## Gifted Science

The differentiated curriculum will add breadth and depth to the academically gifted students' educational opportunities by exposing them to increasingly complex concepts that otherwise would not be included in their middle school experiences. These students will begin 6th grade by participating in science labs. By 8th grade they will be designing their own lab experiments. Our ultimate goal is to insure that our students are prepared for the rigors of a demanding high school science curriculum.



## Gifted Social Studies

Gifted Social Studies classes are distinguished by acceleration, enrichment, sophistication, and novelty. Gifted Social Studies is enhanced by delving more deeply into topics of the prescribed curricula. Students' learning threads through 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, acquiring the research, higher-level thinking, and analytical skills they need in order to have a head start in the Honors, AP, IB, and Cambridge programs that are offered in Alachua County High Schools.



## Advanced Math

Advanced mathematics' main goal is to prepare students for their first taste of categorical math: Algebra and Geometry. This is accomplished through enriching and real-world application problems and solutions that allow students to dig down into the most vital aspects of the subject.

## R.E.A.C.H.

Students who meet the criteria and submit an application will have the opportunity to be considered for our R.E.A.C.H. Reading & Research and R.E.A.C.H. Language Arts classes in 6th grade. The R.E.A.C.H. program creates a distinctive middle school experience through cutting-edge technology and an integrated curriculum.

Students accepted into our R.E.A.C.H. program and who maintain at least a B average in both classes will continue this three-year program in 7th and 8th grade, giving them a head start for the rigorous programs of Alachua County high schools.

