

MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTERS FOR GIFTED STUDIES

Dunedin Highland Middle School

70 Patricia Ave.
Dunedin, FL 34698
www.dunedin-ms.pinellas.k12.fl.us
(727) 469-4112

Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School

6410 118th Ave. N
Largo, FL 33773
www.fitzgerald-ms.pinellas.k12.fl.us
(727) 547-4526

Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School

3901 22nd Ave. S
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
www.marshall-ms.pinellas.k12.fl.us
(727) 552-1737

HOW TO APPLY

This is an area application program. Students must live in the appropriate designated application area when apply: Dunedin Highland Middle (north application area), Morgan Fitzgerald Middle (mid application area), Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle (south application area). There are entrance criteria to apply to these magnet schools. Students must meet all state requirements for gifted placement and have a gifted Educational Plan.

TRANSPORTATION

Arterial bus transportation (buses that operate on main roads with a limited number of stops) is provided to students who live more than two miles from the school. Magnet bus stop locations may require that parents drive their children to and from the stop.



OUR MISSION

To provide a positive learning environment in which all students have the opportunity to reach their highest potential as citizens who can meet the challenges of a changing global society.



Gifted Program Office

(727) 588-6037



Vision: 100% Student Success

Mission: "Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life."

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Middle School Centers for Gifted Studies

EXPLORE *the past*
ENVISION *the future*
EMBRACE *your passion*



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- Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School
- Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School



MAGNET SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

LOOK • EXPLORE • DISCOVER

explore · envision · embrace

ABOUT US

Does your child crave the stimulation of an intellectually rigorous learning environment? Does your child thrive on the opportunity to explore new knowledge and embrace challenge? The Middle School Centers for Gifted Studies are designed to meet the unique academic and social/emotional needs of such adolescent gifted learners in a full-time gifted education setting. Students applying must meet all state requirements for gifted placement and have an Educational Plan (EP).

integrated, interdisciplinary curriculum

INDEPENDENT STUDY • REASONING MODELS • ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

The curriculum philosophy of the Middle School Centers for Gifted Studies is grounded in the belief that gifted students require comprehensive and on-going differentiated curriculum and instruction in order to develop their abilities appropriately. The curriculum is integrated across the broad concepts of change, systems and models, and uses an interdisciplinary approach. Rather than learning each subject as a separate

entity, students discover how they are connected thus promoting in-depth learning and creative, critical and complex thinking.

Students will

- Explore the past through the study of change, ancient civilizations and the National History Day competition

what is a magnet?

Magnet programs focus on a certain theme with specialized curriculum in areas such as arts, communication, science and technology, and gifted studies. Some programs have eligibility requirements. Students living anywhere in the county may apply.

- Envision the future through study of systems, utopia and the Future City competition
- Embrace their passion through independent study, career education, service learning and extra-curricular activities



"The Pinellas County work on its magnet gifted middle school programs is a very progressive model, not just for Florida but for the nation in its provisions to their best learners. It also represents excellence in collaboration and communication among teachers, parents, principals and central office staff. I expect them to be highly successful with these new research-based programs." — JVT-B, College of William and Mary

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- Aligned with the National Association for Gifted Children curriculum standards and the Florida Frameworks for K-12 Gifted Learners
- Advanced and enriched content
- Accelerated courses earning up to six high school credits
- College of William and Mary language arts and science curriculum

CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

Middle School Centers for Gifted Studies will help students develop:

- Critical and creative thinking skills
- Independent learning skills and attitudes
- Higher level oral, written and technological communication skills
- Aesthetic appreciation and artistic/creative expression
- The social skills and dynamics of leadership
- Self understanding

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