**Morris Brandon Elementary**

**Gifted and Talented Education Program (GATE)**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

**Welcome to Morris Brandon's GATE program! We are thrilled to welcome our students as they begin their educational journey and look forward to a beautiful year of learning, growing, and achieving.**

**The gifted delivery models within the North Atlanta Cluster are Collaboration and Cluster Grouping. They are the only approved models that align with the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP).**

**In the Collaboration Model, gifted students are served daily in their homerooms. The homeroom (content-certified) teacher and a gifted-endorsed teacher collaborate to provide targeted instruction. In the Cluster Grouping model, the teacher of record is gifted-endorsed, so students receive services daily from their homeroom teacher.**

**During the Intervention/Extension Block, classroom teachers will intentionally cater activities to meet the instructional needs of students. Supplemental extension tasks include creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, and personal reflection skills.**

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support during the school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us.**

**Sincerely,**

**Carla Kendall, Ed.S. Lena Minock, Ed.M.**

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