

Programming is a site based decision. Please contact the school directly with questions regarding programming or services.

2017-18 Gifted Services: Site Specific

School Name	Altona Middle School
Principal	Jeremy LaCrosse
GT Building Representatives	Kaarina Demers Melissa Clear
Focus (if applicable)	Leadership Innovation
Overview of Gifted Programming Options	Altona Middle School is a place where gifted students will create their own opportunities through Core, Enrichment, and Extracurricular achievement! Educators, parents and students have an equal responsibility to prepare every Altona student to be a leader and obtain key 21st century skills such as self-reliance and academic competence so they are able to succeed in an increasingly competitive world. Through a combination of heterogeneous and advanced courses, as well as enrichment opportunities and comprehensive electives programming, gifted students will thrive in a relevant, authentic and complex learning environment.
Enrichment Options	Show Choir Jazz Band Pops Orchestra Yearbook Spanish and Chinese Applied Technology Computer Programming IdeaLab with Prototyping Warehouse 3D Art Photography/Advanced Photography Family and Consumer Sciences Chess Club Rubic's Cube Club Green Team Book Club Rattler Peer Mentoring Program Community Action Projects WEB Leadership Program Student Tech Squad World Strides and Washington, DC trip

<p>Enrichment Options Before/After School</p>	<p>STEM: VEX Robotics STEM: Math Counts! STEM Explorers: Critter Cam STEM Explorers: Roller Coaster Design Science Olympiad Geography Bee National Junior Honor Society CyberPatriots</p>
<p>Social/Emotional Support</p>	<p>Students identified as gifted and talented may choose from a menu of social/emotional services that best support their unique needs. During the second semester of the school year, students participate in group support based on social emotional goals they set early in the school year. These groups address perfectionism, ICAP planning, strategies for stress management and reduction and academic self-advocacy. Gifted and talented students also may also receive one on one support for developing adaptive coping strategies for any situation or concern that they identify as causing challenges to their social/emotional growth. Specific support is given to students identified as gifted and talented who seek support in order to promote increased efficacy in peer relationships.</p>
<p>Classroom Differentiation & Extensions</p>	<p>Teachers implement differentiated curriculum, instruction, and assessment for gifted learners. Gifted students are provided regular opportunities to work individually or collaboratively with similar ability peers to solve problems and reflect on real world implications. Learning is driven by challenging, open-ended problems with options to develop and demonstrate mastery of new concepts, skills and content. Altona Middle School provides opportunities to experience appropriate pacing through acceleration and curriculum compacting in advanced Mathematics; high school level Algebra and Geometry are both offered at Altona. Students may also concurrently enroll in Silver Creek High School for advanced Math options once they've mastered options at Altona. Altona also offers advanced Language Arts at each grade level.</p>