



# Attend our Open House!

Attention Prospective School Choice Families

*Do you have a student who has strong academic standing? Do you have an already identified AIG student?*

*We invite you to join us at our upcoming Open House to learn more about our unique program, meet our dedicated staff and experience what makes us different!*

## Date/Time:

**Thurs, February 12th, 2026**

**5:30–6:30pm**  
*(plan to stay for the whole time)*

## Location:

Pleasant Ridge Elementary  
1260 Floyd Lane Gastonia, NC  
28052



# Pleasant Ridge's Gifted & Talented Academy (GTA)

Growing Potential.  
Inspiring Excellence.

## Get in Touch!



Shawn Hubers, Principal



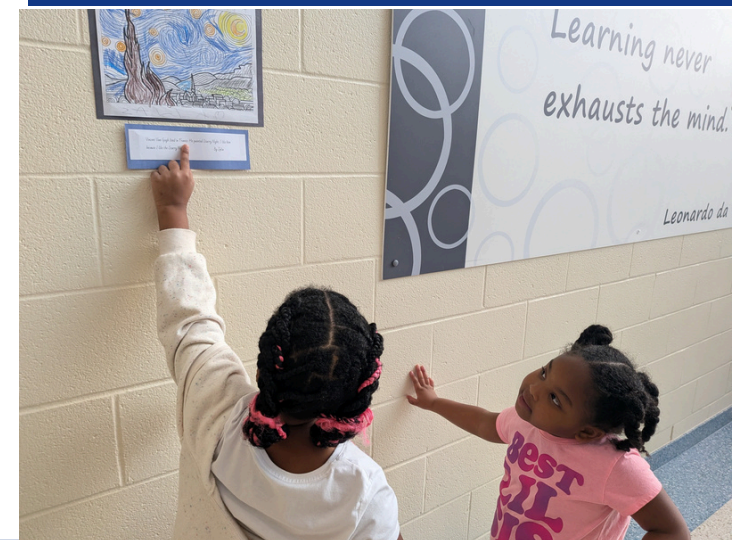
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# GTA's Vision

To engage all students in purposeful learning opportunities that support students' critical thinking and creativity.

## The GTA Experience

### What Makes Us One of a Kind!

- ✓ The district's only K-5, full-day Gifted & Talented magnet program
- ✓ Pathway to Cramerton Middle's GTA (\*if identified as AIG by 5th grade)
- ✓ Highly qualified AIG certified teachers
- ✓ In-depth, accelerated & personalized learning
- ✓ Project & Problem Based Learning
- ✓ Critical thinking & creativity challenges
- ✓ The Paideia Program (intellectual Socratic discussions)
- ✓ Science Fair, Math competitions, Marching Band, Beta Club
- ✓ Leadership and teamwork opportunities

*Our students are encouraged to ask questions, take risks, collaborate with peers, and develop a lifelong love of learning!*

## Where Curiosity and Potential Thrive

- ✓ GTA supports students identified as AIG, as well as those with strong academic potential.
- ✓ GTA nurtures growth academically, socially, and emotionally.
- ✓ GTA welcomes students with curiosity, motivation, and readiness for enriched learning.



## Why Choose GTA?

- ✓ We offer a challenging & engaging learning environment
- ✓ Students can explore passions and interests
- ✓ Students build leadership and collaboration skills
- ✓ Preparation for accelerated learning in middle school, high school, & beyond

*Most importantly, GTA fosters a community where students believe in themselves, embrace challenges, & can reach their full potential!*

## Who Can Apply?

Students entering grades K-5 for the 2026-2027 school year may apply if they meet one of the following:

- Qualification for the district's AIG program, OR
- Placement in the top 20% academically of their grade level

### Application & Lottery Process

- ✓ Submit an online application via: [gaston.k12.nc.us/academics/magnet-schools-and-academy-programs/home](https://gaston.k12.nc.us/academics/magnet-schools-and-academy-programs/home)
- ✓ Students who meet eligibility are submitted into a lottery
- ✓ Lottery selections are based on seat availability
- ✓ Limited seats are available for K-5 *Students outside the Pleasant Ridge zone may apply. Families must reside within Gaston County. Charter, private, & homeschool students may apply & will partake in academic screening.*

