

WELCOME TO BROOKS COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S TORCH ACADEMY!

**Talent Outreach through Rigor, Challenge, and High
Expectations**

PURPOSE STATEMENT

**Educating Advanced Learners through
Challenging Content, Critical Thinking, and Creativity**



LIGHT THE PATH

TORCH was born from the idea that Brooks County's advanced learners need higher expectations and academic acceleration from teachers, leaders, peer learners, and themselves.

TORCH is a "school within a school," and TORCH students have all of the rights and resources a Brooks County Middle School student has (counselor, nurse, media center, etc.).

We want to retain our current gifted/advanced learner population, and recruit new, advanced learners to Brooks County Schools. We want our brightest students to stay in Brooks County with their families, friends, and community, and we will work hard to give them our very best.



TORCH STAFF



CHRISTINE HIERS
6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE SCIENCE
8TH GRADE GEORGIA STUDIES

FELICIA HILL
6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE MATH
6TH GRADE WORLD GEOGRAPHY

BETH LEE
6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE ELA
7TH GRADE WORLD GEOGRAPHY

ADMINISTRATORS:
PRINCIPAL: DR. DJANA GOSS
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MR. DERRICK JENKINS

**** ALL TORCH TEACHERS ARE GIFTED-ENDORSED AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED.***

APPLICATION AND INVITATION PROCESS

ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE OR WILL QUALIFY AS “GIFTED” RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC INVITATION TO APPLY TO TORCH.

OTHER STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS ADVANCED LEARNERS, HIGH ACHIEVING, HIGHLY MOTIVATED, ETC. HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY 5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH GRADE TEACHERS TO RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO APPLY TO TORCH.

ANY REMAINING SPOTS WILL BE FILLED STRICTLY THROUGH THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

THE TORCH TEAM (TEACHERS, ADMIN, AND OTHER SCHOOL LEADERS) WILL REVIEW ALL APPLICATIONS AND MAKE SELECTION DECISIONS.

LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE WILL BE SENT IN MID TO LATE JUNE.

SCHEDULE

(SAMPLE)

7:30-8:00 HOMEROOM/AA

**8:00-8:45: TORCH ENRICHMENT
(TORCH TEACHERS WILL PLAN TOGETHER)**

- STUDENT NEWS/BROADCASTING**
- YEARBOOK/JOURNALISM**
- STEM/MAKER SPACE/COMPUTER CODING**
- BUSINESS/LEADERSHIP**

8:45-10:00: MATH

10:00-11:15: ELA

11:15-11:45: LUNCH

11:45-1:00: SOCIAL STUDIES

1:00-2:15: SCIENCE

**2:15-3:15: CONNECTIONS/FOREIGN LANGUAGE/BAND
(TORCH TEACHERS WILL PLAN WITH GRADE LEVELS)**



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**WE ARE PLANNING MANY ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES
FOR TORCH STUDENTS.**

**WE WANT THIS TO REPRESENT THE NEEDS AND WANTS
OF OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS, WITH A FOCUS ON
COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS AND TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY
SKILLS!**

**WE WILL BE SURVEYING OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS
TO SEE WHAT TYPE OF FIELD TRIPS, ACTIVITIES, AND
OPPORTUNITIES THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN TORCH.**

**PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR SURVEYS AND STAY TUNED FOR
ALL OF THE GREAT THINGS TORCH WILL BRING TO
BROOKS COUNTY.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS