

2023: Dinwiddie County – City Planning Project

Dinwiddie County's City Planning Project is a collaborative effort between Dinwiddie County and Dinwiddie County Public Schools' Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program. The year-long project is completed by 8th-grade students enrolled in the GATE program at Dinwiddie County Middle School. The project is completed through project-based, community service learning, and inquiry-based learning. Students work for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging, and complex challenge through individual investigation and cooperative learning. The purpose of the project is for students to investigate the careers of city and regional planners as well as anticipated trends in the field. Students will apply this information when designing their own city or region for today's world or the future. Throughout the City Planning Project, students exercise critical and creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and citizenship. Ideally, this project will spark an interest in the field of local government administration and/or planning.