The International Studies Program at Dunbar offers students the opportunity to explore languages, as well as, world cultures. Students are encouraged to enroll in our Global Studies electives which explore contemporary world issues and positions students to think critically about the world in which they live. Students are also able to take advantage of opportunities to travel abroad within the program.

EAST provides all learners the opportunity to have relevant, individualized, life-changing educational experiences. East offers growth in the areas of critical science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills. East provides lifelong skills applicable to other learning and working environments. A strong focus on economic development is embedded in the projects created.
Built in 1929, Dunbar Magnet Middle School (formerly Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and Junior College) was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. With ongoing support from the National Dunbar Alumni Association, the Paul Laurence Dunbar Historic Neighborhood Association, and an instructional emphasis on high achievement, global awareness, and social responsibility, the school continues to prepare world leaders who are able to think globally and lead locally.

Dunbar Magnet Middle School is the Little Rock School District’s only school designated specifically for gifted and talented. Dunbar’s Gifted and Talented (GT) program encompasses breadth and depth in core content areas while stressing creative thinking, risk-taking, curiosity, imagination, and interpersonal relations. Students at Dunbar, who have undergone a rigorous battery of diverse assessments and have been identified as GT, are able to enroll in specialized classes taught by highly qualified instructors who have received additional graduate hours in meeting the needs of advanced learners. Gifted and Talented students engage once a month in GT Exploration meetings. The GT Exploration meetings enhance self-awareness, goal-setting, and affective needs.

Chess Championship 2019

Specialized classes geared toward the needs of gifted learners
School-wide celebration of other cultures through an International Studies focus
Fine Arts Program
Student –Led Clubs
Mentor Programs
Chess and Quiz Bowl Competitions
Planet Earth, Imagination Zone
Strong Community Partnerships
Historic school in a historic neighborhood
Easy access to Dunbar Community Garden for additional learning opportunities and Outdoor Classroom Options
Imagination Zone
Travel Abroad
Competitive Sports
GT Exploration Meetings
AVID, East, Foreign Languages

Extra-Curricular Activities

Dunbar Bobcats participate in activities, including: football, volleyball, basketball, chess, destination imagination, soccer, track and field, cheer, drill, and pep squad. Our Bobcat Chess Club has earned FIRST PLACE in the district and continues to excel. We have a phenomenal Fine Arts department with award-winning young artists, a dynamic band, and an exceptional choir.