



# Stetson Hills School

## Continuum of Gifted Services

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2023-2024

Gifted Services Offered			
<b>School Vision:</b>	Creating a community of life-long learners that pursue excellence with passion, and embrace diversity using innovative approaches.		
<b>Throughout K-8<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	Math Enrichment and Acceleration, ELA Enrichment, Differentiation in Content Areas, Social, Emotional/Physical-Health Curriculum, STEM, One-to-One Digital Devices, Fine Arts, Independent Study, and PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention System).		
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifted Cluster</li> <li>• STEM</li> <li>• SPARK Enrichment with the Gifted Specialist</li> </ul>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifted Cluster</li> <li>• SPARK Enrichment with the Gifted Specialist</li> <li>• STEM Class with the STEM teacher</li> </ul>		
<b>Grade 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifted Cluster</li> <li>• Walk-Up to the next grade level Math for students placed or provisional in math</li> <li>• SPARK Enrichment with the Gifted Specialist</li> <li>• STEM Class with the STEM teacher</li> </ul>		
<b>Grades 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifted Cluster in ELA for students placed in reading</li> <li>• Walk-Up to the next grade level Math for students placed or provisional in math</li> <li>• SPARK Enrichment with the Gifted Specialist</li> <li>• STEM Class with the STEM teacher</li> </ul>		
<b>Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced ELA Courses</li> <li>• Advanced Math Placement* (7<sup>th</sup> graders to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math or Algebra 1-2 or 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Algebra 1-2 or Honors Geometry for High School Credit) *based on testing</li> <li>• STEM Class</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Programmable Devices and Drones</li> <li>• Academic Counseling</li> <li>• Exploratory Classes: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Literature Studies, Health, STEM, Geography 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Public Speaking, Drama, STEM, Geography</li> </ul>		
<b>Extra-Curricular Activities &amp; Programs</b>	Award-Winning Band and Choir	National Elem Honor Society	Battle of the Books Competition
	Some After School Community of Ed Programs: Engineering, Robotics, Keyboarding, Coding, Drama, & Dance	National Jr Honor Society  Student Council  Award Winning 7/8 Athletics  Cheer	Art Club  Chess Club  Cross Country Club 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>  Before and After Care

# Stetson Hills Gifted Services

## *Gifted Program Details*



**Gifted Cluster:** Cluster grouping is a full day gifted service model. Gifted students are grouped together in a classroom with teachers who are trained to adapt the curriculum and environment for gifted students. Gifted students benefit from being grouped with their intellectual peers within a differentiated and enriching classroom.



**SPARK:** SPARK is an enrichment learning program that addresses the unique needs of gifted students. Students attend certain days on campus during the week. This program provides students with engaging experiences in mathematics, reading, writing, social studies, science, technology, and the arts through enrichment opportunities. The learning experiences in SPARK require students to think critically, collaborate with others, communicate their ideas, and show creativity. SPARK offers an environment of like minds for the duration of the period for enrichment to supplement content area classes. Some of these variations include project-based learning, STEAM activities, group reports, etc.

All students also have a class once per week with the STEM teacher developing technology skills and processes such as the design process to include using the latest computer programming to create prototypes on the 3D printer. They also receive specific music and arts instruction to later utilize within projects and productions.



### **Gifted Placement –**

**Gifted Testing and Scores:** A qualifying state-approved gifted test score is required for placement into the gifted program for each school year. DVUSD provides testing for elementary students at each school using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). Once a child places within the program, they do not have to retest to continue into the program the following year.

**Reading Placement:** Placement into the reading program and SPARK Enrichment gifted program occurs when a student scores with a 95 Percentile Rank (PR) or higher within the Verbal area or has a Non-Verbal score of 97 PR or higher and 85 PR score or higher in the Verbal area on CogAT. Composite scores can also be used for placement.

**Math Placement 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Placement into the math and SPARK Enrichment gifted program occurs when a student scores with the 95 Percentile Rank (PR) or higher within the Quantitative area or has a NonVerbal score of 97 PR or higher and 85 PR score or higher in the Quantitative area on the CogAT. Composite scores can also be used for placement. Students who score with 90PR or higher in grades 3-6 will be placed provisionally.

**Non-Verbal Placement for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Placement into the Cluster and/or SPARK program occurs when a student scores with the 97Percentile Rank (PR) or higher. Composite scores are not used for placement.