



Union Park School
2022-2023 Overview of Gifted Services
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<i>GIFTED SERVICES PROVIDED</i>	
KINDERGARTEN	Gifted Cluster
GRADES 1, 2, & 3	Gifted Cluster Placement Walk Up to Math (Grade 3) SPARK Enrichment
GRADES 4, 5, & 6	Gifted Cluster Placement Walk Up to Math SPARK Enrichment
GRADE 7 & 8	Advanced Content Classes 8 th Grade Math
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS	K-3 Spanish Immersion Program Middle School Gifted Club Middle School Athletics Fine Arts Programs National Elementary Honors Society National Junior Honors Society Student Council

Gifted Placement

Gifted Testing and Scores: Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the Cog AT assessment. Union Park (UP) offers gifted services for students who score at or above 95% verbally or quantitatively or 97% or above non-verbally. Placement testing is conducted three times a year based on teacher and parent recommendation. Students may also qualify based on other state approved gifted identification assessments. Students may only be tested once per calendar year.



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Gifted Program Details

Gifted Cluster: All gifted students in grades 1st – 6th (those scoring at or above 95% in one or more areas) are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher for the majority of the school day. These teachers understand and value the unique academic and emotional needs of gifted students, and have built a classroom environment that challenges students in every content area.



SPARK Enrichment: All gifted identified students in grades 1-6 participate in weekly enrichment projects and lessons, usually during RTI periods with the Gifted Specialist. SPARK is an ongoing enrichment learning program that addresses the unique needs of gifted and high potential students. This program provides students with engaging experiences in mathematics, language and communication, writing, technology, and/or the arts through enrichment opportunities.

SPARK ELA Enrichment: Reading pull-out program for students who score at or above 95% on the Verbal Area of the CogAT assessment. This course is taught by the Gifted Specialist and utilizes the gifted curriculum from the College of William & Mary. It incorporates many novels, Socratic discussions, and projects that encourage creativity as well as the integration of technology.

Walk Up to Math: Students in grades 3-7 who test above grade level on school placement exams (showing mastery of 80% of a grade level's concepts for math) and meet the rest of the requirements on our placement rubric are clustered together and placed in the above grade level's gifted cluster math class. We currently offer the opportunity to attend Algebra, Geometry and higher math classes at the High School.



Advanced English Language Arts: Qualifying gifted students (those who score at or above 95% on the Verbal Area of the CogAT assessment), and high achieving students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th are placed in this advanced course in order to prepare them for high school honors classes.

Advanced Math: Qualifying gifted students (those who score at or above 95% on the Quantitative Area of the CogAT assessment) in grades 6, 7, & 8 are placed in advanced math courses based on their mastery of curriculum. This may include placement in honors math courses at BGHS.