



Union Park School

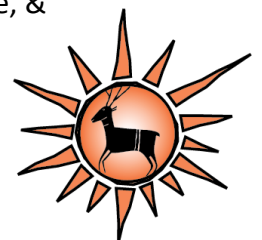
2021-2022 Overview of Gifted Services

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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
GRADES 7&8	Advanced English Language Arts Algebra 1-2
EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS	K-2 Spanish Immersion Program Middle School Athletics 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 CogAT 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 identified students in grades 1st – 6th 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.

Walk-Up Math: Students in grades 3 - 8 who score at or above 90% on the Quantitative Area of the CogAT assessment move up to the next grade level math class. Placement in Walk-Up Math can also be decided with the use of multiple measures including placement tests. The Gifted Specialist supports math teachers in the classroom during this time. Qualifying 8th graders may “Walk-Up” to High School Algebra on our campus.

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 are placed in this advanced course in order to prepare them for high school honors classes.

Spanish Immersion Program

Union Park offers a 50/50 Spanish Immersion program! Students in the program learn Spanish, math and science in Spanish and learn reading, writing, social studies and specials in English. Students in this program acquire valuable language skills in Spanish. Language learning develops greater communication skills, critical thinking skills, higher vocabularies, and readiness for our global society. Union Park’s immersion program is currently Kindergarten through 2nd grade and will grow a grade level each year. Apply early for the immersion program to guarantee placement.