

# Continuum of Gifted Services

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## 2020-2021 School Year

Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifted Cluster Placement</li> </ul>	
Grades 1 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifted Cluster or Cohort Placement</li> <li>• SPARK Enrichment</li> <li>• Walk-Up to Math</li> </ul>	
Middle School Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Content Courses               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Language Arts</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Social Studies</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Walk-Up to Math</li> <li>• SPARK Enrichment</li> <li>• Take high school courses in middle school</li> <li>• Fast Track Schedule</li> </ul>	
Extra-Curricular Activities	National Jr Honor Society	After School Clubs & Activities

### *Gifted Testing & Placement -*

Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the CogAT assessment. DVOA offers gifted services for students who score at or above 95% in one or more areas or who were already receiving services at their DVUSD home school. Placement testing is conducted multiple 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.



# 2020-21 Overview of Gifted Services

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## Gifted Program Details -

**Gifted Cluster:** All gifted students (those scoring at or above 95% in one or more areas or who had prior placement for services at one of our brick and mortar schools) are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher for the majority of the school day. This classroom teacher is supported by the Gifted Specialist to provide additional supports.



**Gifted Cohort:** The Gifted Cohort is a full day gifted service model. Gifted identified students are placed into one class, at their grade level, with only other gifted identified students. The Gifted Specialist works with the Cohort teachers to team-teach and support each classroom multiple times each week and in multiple subject areas. Students are placed in the level of math they are ready for, and encouraged to move ahead in groups through the curriculum as appropriate and with the support of the teachers.



**SPARK:** SPARK is an enrichment learning program that addresses the unique needs of gifted learners. The SPARK classes allow all gifted identified learners at a grade level time to work with the Gifted Specialist and their gifted peers in a small group. Unique to the DVOA SPARK program is the focus on each student's social and emotional wellbeing while learning in the online environment. Students will be encouraged to have discussions and support each other while learning about topics such as Mindfulness and strategies unique to gifted and online learners. This program also provides students with engaging experiences in multiple content areas. Some of these variations include project-based learning, STEM activities, individual research projects, etc. The learning experiences in SPARK require students to think critically, collaborate with others, communicate their ideas, and show creativity. Students attend one to two days a week, depending on grade level schedules.

**Fast Track Schedule:** Allows students to focus on 3 classes a quarter instead of 6

**Walk Up to Math:** Students "walk up" (as a group or cluster) to the next grade level's gifted cluster math class. The school's Gifted Specialist works with the Gifted Cluster Teacher to help instruct students in the classroom and/or pull out small groups of students as needed. Students are pre-assessed for the content and are able to go to the grade level that is appropriate for their individual needs.

**Advanced Content Classes:** Qualifying gifted and high achieving students are placed in advanced content classes. These courses are similar to high school Honors and AP courses and are meant to prepare students for the rigor of those courses.

