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<b>Continuum of Gifted Services</b>		
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifted Cluster Zoom meetings</li> <li>• Consultation with Gifted STEM Specialist</li> <li>• SPARK Enrichment</li> <li>• Cohort reading section</li> </ul>	
<b>Grade 1 - 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifted Cluster Zoom meetings</li> <li>• Cohort reading section</li> <li>• SPARK Enrichment</li> <li>• Walk-Up to Math</li> </ul>	
<b>Grade 5-6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GLIDE Reading</li> <li>• Cohort reading section</li> <li>• SPARK Enrichment</li> <li>• Walk-Up to Math</li> </ul>	
<b>Middle School Grade 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<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>	
<b>Extra-Curricular Activates</b>	<b>National Jr Honor Society</b>	<b>After School Clubs &amp; Activities</b>

**Gifted Testing and Scores:** Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the CogAT assessment. Aspire (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. **Students may only be tested once per calendar year.**

## Description of Services

**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 Aspire (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.

**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.

**GLIDE:** At Aspire 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students receive **Gifted Language Arts Integrated Dedicated Education** where gifted students take part in a cohort within their reading section that incorporates district adopted curriculum and gifted curriculum along with the supplemental curriculum. Along with receiving a dedicated curriculum students will receive dedicated time with the gifted specialist.

**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.