



Paseo Hills School

2021-2022 Continuum of Gifted Services

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Gifted Services Provided

Kindergarten and Grades 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gifted Cluster
Grades 3 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gifted Cluster• Walk-Up Math• SPARK Enrichment
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gifted Cluster• Walk-Up Math• SPARK Enrichment• Advanced English Language Arts
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gifted Cluster in Advanced Courses• Walk-Up Math• High School Algebra
8 th Grade Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take A Bite Out Of High School

Gifted Placement -

Gifted Testing and Scores: Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the CogAT assessment. Paseo Hills offers gifted services for students who score at or above 95% in one or more areas (standard placement), and 80% in one area (provisional placement). 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.

Our Mission:

It is the mission of Paseo Hills to build relationships, in a positive, collaborative climate that produces lifelong learners.





Unique programs for all grades...

Preschool-6

7&8

9-12

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Gifted Program Details -

Gifted Cluster: All gifted students, those scoring at or above 80% in one or more areas, are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher for the majority of the school day. The Gifted Specialist supports the cluster teachers.



SPARK: All gifted identified students in grades 3 - 6 are pulled out of their RTI class multiple times per week for SPARK Enrichment. This time is conducted by the Gifted Specialist and is used for enrichment learning experiences that address the unique social, emotional, and learning needs of gifted students. This program provides students with engaging experiences in mathematics, language and communication, writing, social studies, science, technology, and the arts through enrichment opportunities. The learning experiences require students to think critically, collaborate with others, communicate their ideas, and show creativity.

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 at Barry Goldwater High School.

Advanced Courses - English Language Arts: Qualifying gifted students (those who score at or above 80% on the Verbal Area of the CogAT assessment), and high achieving students in grades 6, 7, & 8 are placed in this advanced course in order to prepare them for high school honors classes.

Advanced Courses - Science and Social Studies: 7th and 8th grade students may request placement in these course offerings when they have teacher recommendation and approval.



Take A Bite Out Of High School: Qualifying students are able to take up to two courses at Barry Goldwater High School. Students who qualify for a high school level math course will “walk up” to the level of math they qualify for before school starts each morning. All walk up math students, will be able to also take an elective course at Goldwater High School for their first period class before being bused back to our campus.

