

# NEW RIVER SCHOOL

## 2023-2024 GIFTED CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

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*New River's Gifted Program engages students' complex learning desires with multiple opportunities of meaningful, creative, and thought-provoking experiences.*

### GIFTED SERVICES PROVIDED

Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cluster Grouping</li></ul>
Grade 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cluster Grouping</li><li>Small Group Enrichment</li></ul>
Grade 3, 4, 5, & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cluster Grouping</li><li>SPARK Enrichment</li><li>Walk-Up Math</li></ul>
Extracurricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Band, Art, and Choir</li><li>Student Council</li><li>School Clubs</li><li>Yearbook</li></ul>

### GIFTED PLACEMENT

**Gifted Testing and Scores:** Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative & Nonverbal) using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessment. New River 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 recommendations. Students may also qualify based on other state approved gifted identification assessments. Students may only be tested once per calendar year.



### GIFTED CLUSTER

All gifted students are clustered together for the entire school day with a highly qualified and gifted trained teacher. At New River, students in Kindergarten - Sixth Grade are placed into Gifted Cluster classrooms. The Gifted Specialist supports the cluster teachers.

### WALK-UP to MATH

Quantitatively Gifted and high achieving students move up to the next grade level math class which allows gifted and high achieving math students to compact grade level instruction and accelerate their learning of the next grade level's standards. The Gifted Specialist supports math teachers in the classroom during this time.

### SPARK ENRICHMENT

Verbal, Non-verbal, and high achieving students are pulled out of RTI time for SPARK Enrichment. This time is conducted by the Gifted Specialist and is used for enrichment learning experiences that address the unique needs of gifted students.



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