

Renaissance Program Application Process



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Overview –

Renaissance Highly Gifted Academies provide an all-day self-contained learning experience addressing the individual needs of gifted students. Students acquire a solid foundation in the content areas of mathematics, language and communication arts, social studies, science, and technology literacy. Students work at advanced levels within these content areas at an accelerated pace. Learning opportunities include engagement in higher order and critical thinking skills; broadened musical exposure and performance (at our Highland Lakes program); more in-depth STEM projects and activities (at our Canyon Springs program); personal development and responsibility; and community and peer involvement.

In order to apply for this program, please follow the steps below –

Step 1	Is the Renaissance program the best fit for your child? What a Prospective Renaissance Student Should Be Able To Do: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistently work above grade level• Think outside of the box in a creative way• Work at an accelerated pace• Engage in productive struggle with a learner’s attitude• Be able to compose thoughts and complete many writing pieces independently• Be productive and use effective strategies to handle a dynamic, active, & differentiated learning environment
Step 2	Does your child qualify to apply to the program? Qualifying Gifted Identification Scores: All 3 scores (Verbal, Quantitative, Non-Verbal) are at the 90th percentile or higher with a total of 280 percentile points or greater combined ~OR~ Qualifying I.Q. Score of 132 or higher <i>**Please note – There are no exceptions to this qualification criteria.**</i>
Step 3	Are you willing to...? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide transportation to the school• Support your child at home with projects and activities• Be ready to support your child’s transition into a full day, rigorous gifted model

If you answered “Yes” to the above questions, please continue.

Step 4	Set up an account in the online application system More information and the link to our online application system are on our website here: http://www.dvusd.org/Page/19364
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Step 5 Have the following documentation ready to enter into the application system

- Intellectual / Gifted Testing Results (CogAT or psychologist's full report)
- Academic Math Test Scores (AzMERIT, DVMA, or Classroom Unit test) showing what level of math the student is working in
- Academic Reading Test Scores (AzMERIT, DVRA, DRA, SRI, Lexile level, or Dibbles) showing a reading level
- Recent report card
- Have 2-3 teacher email addresses ready to submit for us to contact for Observation Input (These can also be academic or music tutors, coaches, Sunday School Teachers, etc.)

****Please note - Incomplete applications will not be accepted.****

Step 6 Submit your application by the deadlines

Application rounds/deadlines are posted on our website here
<http://www.dvusd.org/Page/19364>

Step 7 Placement notifications (Typically emails are sent out 2-5 days after the application deadline)

- If your child is accepted into the program, you will need to apply for open enrollment to the school if your child does not already attend the school the Renaissance program is based in
- If your child is not accepted, he or she still qualifies for gifted services. Please check with your school's Gifted Specialist to see how they can best meet his or her learning needs.

If you have additional questions about our program, please:

1. Explore our website at <http://www.dvusd.org/Page/19362>
2. Attend one of our Information Meetings and Tours. You can sign up here: <http://www.dvusd.org/Page/30599>
3. Attend one of our Open Houses or events. You can find the schedule of upcoming events here <http://www.dvusd.org/Page/30599>
4. For specific questions, email DVUSD Gifted Services at GiftedServices@dvusd.org



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