



2020-2021

Continuum of Gifted Services

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	Gifted Services Provided
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright Child Kindergarten Talent Pool Cluster
Grades 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gifted Cluster SPARK Enrichment
Grades 3, 4, & 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gifted Cluster SAGE Math SPARK Enrichment
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gifted Cluster Walk-Up to Math
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gifted Cluster Advanced Courses Walk-Up to Math including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra 1-2 Honors and Geometry Honors

Mission Statement -

Anthem School inspires problem solvers and lifelong learners through character, collaboration and creativity.

Gifted Placement & Testing-

Gifted Testing and Scores: Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessment. Anthem offers gifted services for students who score at or above 95%ile in one or more areas. 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.





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Gifted Programs -

Bright Child Kindergarten Talent Pool Cluster: Kindergarten students that show a potential for gifted services are placed together, in a “talent pool,” based on school Kindergarten testing. In spring, Kindergarten students are recommended for testing by teachers and parents. Students are given the CogAT assessment for qualification in 1st grade.

Gifted Cluster: All gifted students (those scoring at or above 95%ile in one or more areas) are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher for the majority of the school day.

SAGE Math: All gifted students (those scoring at or above 95%ile in Quantitative area) are taught math together by the Gifted Specialist in a content replacement/pull-out program. This course utilizes Eureka math (3/4) and Illustrative Math (5/6) and supplemental programs that emphasize state standards from current grade level through at least one grade level above. Instruction is mostly acceleration based but also includes enrichment.



SPARK Enrichment Program: Students will be pulled by the Gifted Specialist during their “intervention block,” or other flex time during the school day, to work on acceleration and enrichment in reading. Students will complete projects and products to extend their learning.

Walk-Up to Math: Students identified as gifted in math (those scoring at or above 95 percentile on the CogAT) are clustered together and placed in the above grade level’s gifted cluster math class.

Advanced Courses: Qualifying gifted students (those who score at or above 95%ile on the Verbal Area of the CogAT assessment) and high achieving students in grades 7 & 8 are placed in advanced courses in order to prepare them for high school honors classes. We offer advanced courses in Social Studies, Science, & English Language Arts.

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