



# Sierra Verde STEAM Academy

2022-2023 Continuum of Gifted Services

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	Gifted Services Provided
Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifted Cluster</li> </ul>
Grades 3 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Math Pilot</li> <li>• SAGE Math</li> <li>• SAGE ELA</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Courses in ELA, Social Studies, Math, and Science</li> </ul>
Activities	<p><b>Clubs:</b> Battle of the Books, Drama Club, Chess, Robotics, Egg to Chick, Green Thumb Club, Rubik's Cube, Coding Club, Girls' on the Run</p> <p><b>Sports:</b> Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball/Softball (7-8 grades), Cross country</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> , NJHS, Orchestra, Student Government, Year Book, Team connect</p>

## Gifted Placement & Testing -

**Gifted Testing and Scores:** Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Non-verbal) using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessment. Sierra Verde offers gifted services for students who score at or above 95% 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.

## Gifted Programs -

**Gifted Cluster:** Identified gifted students are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher for the majority of the school day.

**SAGE:** SAGE is the name of DVUSD's content replacement program. All identified students meet daily in the SAGE classroom for English Language Arts and/or Math in place of the grade level classroom. ELA is enrichment based and math is taught one grade level ahead which also includes enrichment.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math Pilot:** Third graders who score at the 93<sup>rd</sup> or 94<sup>th</sup> percentile, in the Quantitative area, can be placed in SAGE Math Class. This provides math instruction at the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade math levels. Students are monitored and continued placement will be assessed quarterly for student success.

**Advanced/Honors:** Advanced-level courses are designed to provide a more rigorous curriculum and higher expectations for student performance. Advanced courses follow the Parallel Curriculum Model.

## Sierra Verde Mission Statement

*In partnership with the community, Sierra Verde students will engage as leaders in a rigorous academic program emphasizing science, technology, engineering, math, and global responsibility.*

