



# 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 and/or Differentiation with gifted specialist consult</li> </ul>
Grades 3 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAGE Math content replacement</li> <li>• SAGE Reading content replacement</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 Programs -

**Gifted Cluster:** Identified gifted students are clustered together with a gifted and/or differentiated trained teacher for the majority of the school day. Gifted specialist consults with teachers.

**SAGE:** SAGE is the name of DVUSD's content replacement program. The SAGE program generally serves students in grades 3-6. All identified students meet daily in the SAGE classroom.

**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.

## 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 94% 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.

## School 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.*

