



2019 -2020 Continuum of Gifted Services

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	Gifted Services Provided
Kindergarten & Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster • SPARK Enrichment
Grades 2, 3, & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster • SPARK Enrichment • Walk-up to Math
Grades 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAGE English Language Arts • Walk-up to Math
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Content Classes • Walk-up to Math • High School Algebra (credit transferable to any high school)
Extra-Curricular Clubs, Sports, & Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball/Softball, Cross Country (grades 7-8), Golf, Track & Field • Activities: NEHS (grades 5-6), NJHS (grades 7-8), Cheer (grades 7-8), Running Club, Student Council, DC Delivers, Keyboarding Club

Gifted Testing & Placement -

Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessment. Diamond Canyon 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. In winter and spring, Kindergarten students are recommended for testing by teachers and parents. They will be given the CogAT assessment for qualification in 1st grade.





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Gifted Programs -

Gifted Cluster: All gifted students (those scoring at or above 95% in one or more areas) are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher.

Accelerated Math Placement: Students in 3rd grade will taught by the homeroom teacher and a gifted specialist to cover the 3rd grade standards with acceleration into 4th grade curriculum using Eureka Math. In grades 4 - 8 will walk up to the next grade level for their math instruction based on the district approved math matrix. The students are clustered together and placed in the above grade level's gifted cluster math class. The gifted cluster teacher and gifted specialist work together to provide services for students in these classes.

SAGE ELA Placement: Students in grades 4-6 will receive their Language Arts instruction from the gifted specialist daily. Curriculum is adopted from the College of William and Mary and was designed with gifted learners in mind. Students will read a variety of texts independently and whole class. Reading and writing materials will focus on the concepts of Change and Persuasion in our world. Students will also complete Latin and Grammar studies based on Michael Clay Thompson's materials.

Advanced Content Classes: Qualifying gifted and high achieving students are placed in advanced content classes for English Language Arts and Math similar to high school honors classes.

In the Classrooms –

Departmentalization: Teachers teach a narrow range of subjects and the students rotate between the classrooms. This allows teachers to specialize and focus on a few subject areas and the student to become familiar with different teaching styles and expectations.

Differentiation: The teacher, after getting to know his/her students, groups them for activities based on each individual student's academic needs and/or areas of interest. A tiered/differentiated lesson has all students focusing on the same required concept or skill but the students are working (usually in groups) on different levels and applications of the skill or concept based on their learning needs.

Flexible/Ability Grouping: The process of continually assessing students and grouping them according to their academic needs.

Diamond Canyon Mission Statement:

Provide extraordinary educational opportunities to every learner!

