



Norterra Canyon Gifted Services



2021-2022 Continuum of Services

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Gifted Services Provided

Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster Placement
Grades 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster Placement • SPARK Enrichment Program
Grades 3, 4, & 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster Placement • SPARK Enrichment Program • SAGE Math – Grade 3 • Walk-Up to Math – Grades 4 & 5
Grades 6, 7, & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced English Language Arts • Walk-Up to Math & Advanced Math • High School Math • International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program
Extra-Curricular Opportunities	<p>National Junior Honor Society IBMYP Gifted Workshops</p> <p>Student Government Robotics Battle of the Books</p> <p>Band & Choir Middle School Athletics</p>

Gifted Placement -

Gifted Testing and Scores: Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the CogAT assessment. Norterra 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/or parent recommendation. Students may also qualify based on other state approved gifted identification assessments. Students may only be tested once per calendar year.





Unique programs for all grades...
 Preschool-6 7&8 9-12
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Gifted Program Details -

Gifted Cluster: All gifted students in grades K – 5 (those scoring at or above 95% in one or more areas) are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher for the majority of the school day.



SPARK Enrichment: Identified gifted students in grades K-5 work on enrichment opportunities with the Gifted Specialist multiple times a week.

SAGE Math: Gifted math students in 3rd grade are pulled out and taught by the gifted specialist. 3rd and 4th grade math curriculum will be compacted providing acceleration.

Walk-Up to Math: Identified gifted math students in grades 4 - 8 walk up to the next grade level for their math instruction. The students are clustered together and placed in the appropriate grade level for instruction that meets their needs and matches their mastery. For math acceleration/walk up placement, students must meet qualifying criteria.



Junior Great Books: Norterra Canyon is a Model Great Books School. Junior Great Books introduces students to Shared Inquiry Discussions, builds reading comprehension with rich fiction and non-fiction selections, and teaches students how to reference text for argumentative and/or persuasive writing.

Advanced English Language Arts: Qualifying gifted students (those who score at or above 95% on the Verbal Area of the CogAT assessment), and high achieving students in grades 6, 7, & 8 are placed in this advanced course in order to prepare them for high school honors classes.

Advanced Math: Qualifying gifted students (those who score at or above 95% on the Quantitative Area of the CogAT assessment) in grades 6, 7, & 8 are placed in advanced math courses based on their mastery of curriculum. This may include placement in honors math courses at Barry Goldwater High School.



IB Middle Years Program (IBMYP) School: Norterra Canyon is in partnership with the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Barry Goldwater High School. In 2017, we began the exciting three-year candidacy journey to become an IB World School through the IB Middle Years Program (IBMYP) and earned IBMYP authorization in 2020.

Norterra Canyon Vision Statement

By working together as a family we are building foundations to empower our students to navigate and positively impact our Norterra Canyon community and the ever changing world.

