



HIGHLAND LAKES
School



2022-2023 Continuum of Gifted Services

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	Gifted Services Provided
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright Beginnings Kindergarten
Grades 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gifted Cluster Placement Renaissance Highly Gifted & Music Program
Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gifted Cluster Placement SPARK ELA Enrichment Walk Up to Math or SAGE Content Replacement Math Pilot Program for 3rd Grade Renaissance Highly Gifted & Music Program
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced content classes in all core subject areas High School Algebra/Geometry for qualifying students Renaissance Highly Gifted & Music Program Spanish Language, Band, Chorus, Orchestra electives
Extra-Curricular Activities & Programs	<p>Field Trips Robotics National Junior Honor Society</p> <p>After School Clubs Student Council Middle School Athletics</p> <p>Music Academy – Band, Orchestra, & Chorus</p>

Highland Lakes Mission Statement:

Preparing today's learners to become tomorrow's leaders by ensuring a safe learning environment that fosters respect, innovation and critical thinking.

Gifted Testing Placement –

Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the CogAT assessment. Highland Lakes offers gifted services for students who score at or above 95% in one or more areas. Placement testing occurs three times a calendar year based on teacher and parent recommendation. Students may also qualify based on other state approved gifted identification assessments. Students may only participate in testing once per calendar year.



2022-2023 Description of Gifted Services

Gifted Program Details –

Bright Beginnings Kindergarten – All gifted identified Kindergarteners, or students who pass the district Gifted Kindergarten Screener, are placed in a full day classroom with a highly qualified, gifted endorsed teacher.

Gifted Cluster: Gifted students are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher for the majority of the school day. In grades K-3, this is for all identified students, and in Grades 4-6 those who are identified in the Verbal/Reading area. Gifted identified students given opportunities for enrichment through novel studies, non-fiction studies, Junior Great Books, choice boards, Project-based learning research reports, accelerated math and reading, independent studies, and technology.

SPARK Enrichment (Grade 3rd-6th): Gifted identified students in grades 3rd – 6th are given opportunities for enrichment projects and lessons with the Gifted Specialist. Enrichment incorporates Novel Engineering, Socratic discussions, other passion projects that encourage creativity as well as the integration of technology during MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) time.

Math Services in Grades 4-6: Depending on student enrollment and scheduling qualified students will receive either:

SAGE Math: Content replacement model is for students who score at or above the 95% on the Quantitative Area of the CogAt assessment. Students will be taught one grade level above their enrolled grade and taught by the Gifted Specialist in the SAGE classroom.

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Walk-Up to Math: Students who score at or above 95% on the Quantitative Area of the CogAT assessment are placed in the above grade level's gifted cluster math class for instruction. In this model, the content is taught by the above grade level teacher in the above grade level classroom.

Math Pilot Program for 3rd Grade: Students who do not qualify for gifted services, but have shown potential in the 2nd Grade classroom and received at least a 90% on the CogAT assessment, are eligible for the math pilot program. Students attend the gifted cluster and SAGE classroom for content replacement instruction and are monitored on a quarterly basis. Upon successful completion of the pilot program, students are placed in the Walk-Up to Math program.

Middle School Advance Content Classes: Qualifying gifted and high achieving students are placed in advanced content area classes similar to high school honors classes. Middle school students are also able to take Spanish as an elective for high school credit. Qualifying gifted students who have walked up to math may be eligible to take Algebra or Geometry for high school credit.

Renaissance Highly Gifted & Music Program: All students in this program are in a full day, gifted classroom with a highly qualified, gifted endorsed teacher. The Renaissance program spans grades 1st – 8th. Students in Renaissance are also involved in the Music Academy, which involves band, chorus, and orchestra options. Students also receive Spanish enrichment in grades 1-6 and then receive high school credit if they choose to continue it in grades 7 & 8. Placement criteria and application information are available at www.dvUSD.org/renaissance

