



Las Brisas
Continuum of Gifted Services
2022-2023



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Gifted Services Provided			
Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Preschool 		
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bright Beginnings Kindergarten with Gifted Cluster for those on a wait list 		
Grades 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster • Bright Beginnings • Walk-Up to Math • SPARK Enrichment 		
Grades 3 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster • Walk-Up to Math • SPARK Enrichment • Renaissance Highly Gifted & Global Studies Program 		
Additional Programs & Extra-Curricular Activities	World Language Program Fine Arts Programs	National Elementary Honor Society Student Government	STEAM Club and Robotics STEAM Elective Classes

Gifted Placement and Testing:

Student placement is based on the three state approved areas of Verbal, Quantitative, & Non-verbal. The Gifted Academy offers gifted services starting for students who score at or above 90% in one or more areas. The specialty programs of Gifted Preschool, Bright Child Kindergarten, and Renaissance all have applications or specialist testing, and Renaissance also has additional gifted score requirements.

DVUSD uses the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessment. Gifted testing for grades 1-6 is conducted three times a year based on teacher and parent recommendations. Students may only be tested once per calendar year, and students may also qualify based on other state approved gifted identification assessments. Screening for Preschool and Kindergarten are available for a fee and can be scheduled online.





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Description of Services:



Gifted Preschool: This program provides full-day gifted services to qualifying students. The program consists of only gifted identified students, where they receive instruction from a gifted trained instructor. Please see www.dvusd.org/giftedpreschool for more details. Application is required.

Bright Beginnings Kindergarten and Grades 1&2: All gifted identified students are placed in a full-day, gifted classroom with a highly qualified, gifted endorsed teacher.

Gifted Cluster: The gifted cluster program provides full-day gifted services to qualifying students. Students are grouped together in the same classroom, and are taught by a gifted trained teacher with direct classroom support from the Gifted Specialist.

Walk-Up to Math: Quantitatively gifted students as well as those who test above grade level on school placement exams are a higher grade level. This can happen in the classroom or in a walk-up model where qualifying students are clustered together and placed in the above grade level's math class for instruction. Students needing math instruction at the 8th grade level or higher, are able to take their class with Deer Valley's online school (ASPIRE) and receive support for our teachers too.

SPARK Enrichment: Gifted identified students may meet with the Gifted Specialist for enrichment projects and lessons. SPARK is an ongoing enrichment learning program that addresses the unique needs of gifted and high potential students. This program provides students with engaging experiences in the STEAM areas as well as allowing for learning about what they are interested in. It also incorporates supports for the unique social and emotional needs of gifted learners.

Renaissance Highly Gifted & Global Studies Program: The DVUSD's Highly Gifted Program. Students must score 90+ in all 3 areas tested and with 280 points or higher as an overall total score on the CogAT assessment. Students also must pass the application process. All students in this program are in a full day, gifted classroom with a highly qualified, gifted endorsed teacher. Math and ELA are accelerated, Science and Social Studies are enriched, and STEAM and Global Studies projects are daily activities.

At the Gifted Academy:

- All teachers have Gifted Endorsements
- All students receive STEAM Education
- Math acceleration is available to all
- The whole child is supported
 - Social, emotional, & special needs (2E)

