



## 2019-2020 Continuum of Gifted Services

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	Gifted Services Provided
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bright Child Kindergarten Talent Pool</li> <li>SPARK Enrichment</li> </ul>
Grades 1 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gifted Cluster</li> <li>SPARK Enrichment</li> <li>Walk-Up to Math</li> </ul>
School Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest Speakers for SPARK students</li> <li>SPARK Club</li> <li>STEM, Chess, and Art Club</li> <li>Student Council and National Honors' Society</li> </ul>

### Gifted Programs -

**Bright Child Kindergarten Talent Pool:** An all day, self-contained program kindergarten program for gifted and highly-achieving students taught by an experienced, teacher working on gifted endorsement.

**Gifted Cluster:** All gifted students are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher for the majority of the school day.



**SPARK Enrichment:** Identified gifted students work on enrichment opportunities with the Gifted Specialist during Response to Intervention (RTI) time. The focus is on ELA, Math, STEM, and/or creativity.

**Walk-Up to Math:** Students who are gifted in math and/or test above grade level on school placement exams are clustered together and placed in the above grade level's gifted cluster math class. Each student qualifying for the program is reviewed on a case by case basis.

### Gifted Placement & Testing –

**Gifted Testing and Scores:** Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, and Nonverbal) using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). Mirage offers gifted services for students who score at or above 95% in one or more areas (standard placement), and 80% in one area (provisional placement). Placement testing is conducted three times a year based on teacher and parent recommendation. Students may also qualify based on other state approved gifted identification assessments. Students may only be tested once per calendar year.

