Cluster grouping is a full day gifted service model. Gifted students are grouped together in a classroom with teachers who are trained to adapt the curriculum and environment for gifted students. These teachers understand and value the unique academic and emotional needs of gifted students, and have built a classroom environment that challenges students in every content area.

Gifted students benefit from being grouped with their intellectual peers within a differentiated and enriching classroom. They participate in critical thinking, inquiry, and problem solving. Students are empowered to become organized, self-directed, lifelong learners.

Classroom compositions are carefully structured with two main goals: 1. ensure that there is a balance of student abilities throughout the grade level, and 2. reduce the range of student abilities found in any one classroom. This system provides opportunities for teachers to more readily respond to the needs of all their students. Acceleration opportunities are available and considered based on individual readiness and needs.

All DVUSD schools provide Gifted Cluster Classrooms in grades K - 2 (and some schools K - 6) for gifted identified students. Some schools also offer this model in grades 7th and 8th.

For more information, see our individual school websites to see what program is offered at a school near you.