

# GIFTED PROGRAM

## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- To provide an identification process for gifted students, which is inclusive and meets requirements as outlined in state regulations.
- To provide a safe learning environment that allows gifted students to interact with intellectual peers.
- To provide unique learning experiences that address multiple talents, challenges, and cultural diversity.
- To provide a challenging, differentiated curriculum that addresses the cognitive and affective characteristics of the gifted learner.
- To focus on students' interests, strengths, and learning styles in order to encourage a life-long love of learning.
- To provide opportunities for students to develop skills in critical thinking, self-directed learning, research, life skills, leadership, group dynamics, career awareness, creative thinking, communication, visual and performing arts, and self-evaluation.
- To provide differentiated guidance to meet the socio-emotional needs of gifted students, including those who are underachieving, twice-exceptional, and culturally diverse.
- To provide professional development opportunities for gifted teachers, general education teachers, and other personnel involved in the gifted program.
- To promote parental and community involvement for the advancement of gifted education.
- To work with the Mississippi State Department of Education and keep all stakeholders informed of updates or changes in the gifted education program.

