

# VentURE

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Rankin County  
School District

TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

**The Venture program at Rankin County School District addresses the unique talents of intellectually gifted students in second through sixth grades in all eight attendance zones: Brandon, Florence, McLaurin, Northwest, Pelahatchie, Pisgah, Puckett and Richland.**

The mission of the Venture Program is to provide optimal opportunities for gifted students to realize their maximum potential. Instruction in the Venture Program is enrichment based and has an extensive instructional management plan and covers four broad instructional areas: thinking skills, creativity, personal development and research. Venture teachers use many different instructional strategies such as workshops, independent study, problem-solving exercises, mentorships, small group projects, and brainstorming.

Students in the Venture Program meet goals through participation through:

- ◆ Development of leadership and decision-making skills.
- ◆ Inclination to ask and answer challenging questions.
- ◆ Using alternative routes to solve problems through the use of imagination.
- ◆ Expansion of specific strengths and interests.
- ◆ Verbal, written and dramatic expression.
- ◆ Implementation of effective study and research skills.
- ◆ Appreciation of different thoughts, environments and cultures.
- ◆ Developing a sense of responsibility toward the betterment of society.

**To find out more about Venture, contact Laura Anne Marshall at 601.825.5590 or via email at [lmarshall@rcsd.ms](mailto:lmarshall@rcsd.ms). All 1st grade students are screened for the gifted education program. Students in 2nd-7th grade can be referred by parents, teachers, and administrators for screening for our program.**

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