The quarterly ELP Newsletter focuses on information relevant to parents and teachers of gifted/talented learners. Topics vary and may include information about gifted identification, strategies for differentiated instruction, characteristics of gifted learners, and upcoming parent events or student opportunities. This 2018-2019 school year, we will focus on all Six National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Pre-K to Grade 12 Gifted Programming Standards, two each quarter. The six standards are:

- Learning and Development: Self Understanding, Awareness of Needs, and Cognitive and Affective Growth
- Assessment: Identification, Learning Progress and Outcomes, and Program Evaluation
- Curriculum Planning and Instruction: Talent Development, Instructional Strategies, and Culturally Relevant Curriculum and Resources
- Learning Environments: Personal, Social, Cultural and Communication Competence, and Leadership
- Programming: Collaboration, Resources, and Career Pathways
- Professional Development: Talent, Social-emotional, and Lifelong Learners

The Davidson Institute suggests that we develop a responsive learning environment. According to brain research, an enriched environment includes:

- Space for learning
- A wide range and variety of materials for learning
- Stimulation to all of the senses
- Novel challenges appropriate for the child’s stage of development
- Access to ideas
- Social interaction with intellectual peers
- Exposure to a broad range of skills and interests: mental, physical, aesthetic, social, and emotional
- Choices and the opportunity to choose
- Exploration as an active participant in learning
- Opportunities for self-evaluation

The Gifted Brain needs higher levels of complexity, depth, novelty, and acceleration in learning experiences.

SLCSD Magnet ELP Assessment Application and Assessment:

- Students entering grades 4-8 in 2019-2020:
  - Application window: September 25-November 1, 2018
  - Assessment window: November 2-December 7, 2018
- Students entering grades K-3 in 2019-2020:
  - Application window: December 10, 2018-January 25, 2019
  - Assessment window: January 28-February 28, 2019

Magnet ELP Parent Information Meetings for students entering grades 4-8:

- Wednesday, October 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Hillside Middle School Auditorium, 1825 S Nevada Street, Spanish Translation
- Thursday, October 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Administration Building, 440 E. 100 S., Rooms 112-113

Please share this information with your neighbors and friends!