



Sierra Verde STEAM Academy

2022-2023 Continuum of Gifted Services

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	Gifted Services Provided
Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster and/or Differentiation with gifted specialist consult
Grades 3 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAGE Math content replacement • SAGE Reading content replacement • Nonverbal differentiation in the general education classroom
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Courses in ELA, Social Studies, Math, and Science
Activities	<p>Clubs: Battle of the Books, Drama Club, Chess, Robotics, Egg to Chick, Green Thumb Club, Rubik's Cube, Coding Club, Girls' on the Run</p> <p>Sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball/Softball (7-8 grades), Cross country</p> <p>Activities: , NJHS, Orchestra, Student Government, Year Book, Team connect</p>

Gifted Programs -

Gifted Cluster: Identified gifted students are clustered together with a gifted and/or differentiated trained teacher for the majority of the school day. Gifted specialist consults with teachers.

SAGE: SAGE is the name of DVUSD's content replacement program. The SAGE program generally serves students in grades 3-6. All identified students meet daily in the SAGE classroom.

Advanced/Honors: Advanced-level courses are designed to provide a more rigorous curriculum and higher expectations for student performance. Advanced courses follow the Parallel Curriculum Model.

Gifted Placement & Testing -

Gifted Testing and Scores: Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Non-verbal) using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessment. Sierra Verde offers gifted services for students who score at or above 94% in one or more areas. Students scoring in the Nonverbal area only will be serviced in their general education classroom. Placement testing is conducted three times a year based on teacher and parent recommendations. Students may also qualify based on other state approved gifted identification assessments. Students may only be tested once per calendar year.

School Mission Statement

In partnership with the community, Sierra Verde students will engage as leaders in a rigorous academic program emphasizing science, technology, engineering, math, and global responsibility.

