



Desert Mountain School

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 • SPARK Enrichment
Grades 3 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk-Up to Math • SPARK Enrichment
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Content ELA • Walk-up to Math • High School Algebra (At Boulder Creek HS)
Extra-Curricular Clubs, Sports, & Activities offered:	Desert Habitat School-Wide STEM Middle School Athletics Student Government National Jr Honor Society

Gifted Testing & Placement -

Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessment. DVUSD offers gifted services for students who score at or above 95% in one or more areas. 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.

Gifted Programs -

Gifted Cluster: All gifted students (those scoring at or above 90% percentile in one or more areas) in Kindergarten – 6th grade are clustered together during the school day.

Walk-Up to Math: Students in grades 3 - 8 can walk up to the next grade level for their math instruction based on multiple data points. The students are clustered together and placed in the above grade level's gifted cluster math class. The gifted cluster teacher and Gifted Specialist work together to provide services for students in these classes. Students in grades K-8 can also receive grade level enrichment services in math. They will remain in their assigned grade level while receiving enrichment and acceleration services as necessary.

SPARK Enrichment Identified gifted students work on enrichment opportunities with the Gifted Specialist during Response to Intervention (RTI) time multiple times each week.

Advanced Content Classes: Qualifying gifted and high achieving students are placed in advanced content classes for English Language Arts and Math similar to high school honors classes.



Desert Mountain School - Advancing future-ready students: Adaptive/Motivated/Engaged