



ESPERANZA Elementary School

Gifted Specialist:
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2021-2022 Continuum of Gifted Services

	Gifted Services Provided
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster
Grades 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster • SPARK Enrichment
Grades 3 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster • SPARK Enrichment • Walk-Up To Math
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster • SPARK Enrichment • Walk-Up To Math

Gifted Programing -

Gifted Cluster: All identified gifted students are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher for the majority of the school day.



SPARK Enrichment: Students are pulled by the gifted specialist during their intervention block, or other flex time during the school day, to work on acceleration and enrichment. Students complete projects and products to extend their learning.

Walk-Up To Math: Students who test above grade level on school placement exams (showing mastery of 80% of a grade level concepts in math) are clustered together and placed in the above grade level's gifted cluster math class. The gifted cluster teachers and gifted specialists work together to provide services for students in these classes. 6th Grade students may take middle school levels of math online depending on qualifying assessment scores.

Gifted Testing and Placement -

Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessment. Esperanza offers gifted services for students who score at or above 80% in one or more areas. Placement testing is conducted three times a year based on teacher and parent recommendations. Students may only be tested once per calendar year.

Unique Music Programing -

Esperanza Music Academy Encourages All Students to Develop Their Love of Music

- All students receive at least two music classes a week.
- K-2 learn music fundamentals
- 3rd graders are introduced to violins, piano, recorder and choral singing.
- 4th, 5th, & 6th graders choose their music track: Band, Chorus, Handbells, or Orchestra.
- All students have several performance opportunities throughout the year.

