

ARROWHEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2023-2024 GIFTED CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

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Arrowheads Gifted Program engages students' complex learning desires with multiple opportunities of meaningful, creative, and thought-provoking experiences.



GIFTED SERVICES PROVIDED

Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster Grouping
Grades 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster Grouping • SPARK Enrichment
Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted Cluster Grouping • SPARK Enrichment • Walk-Up to Math
Extracurricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band, Art, and Choir • After School Clubs

GIFTED PLACEMENT

Gifted Testing and Scores: Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) or the Naglieri General Ability (NGAT) assessment. Arrowhead offers gifted services for students who score at or above 88% in one or more areas (standard placement), and 80% in one area (provisional placement). 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 CLUSTER GROUPING

All standard placement gifted students are clustered together for the entire school day with a highly qualified and gifted trained teacher. At Arrowhead students in Kinder-Sixth Grade are placed into Gifted Cluster classrooms. The Gifted Specialist supports the cluster teachers.

WALK-UP to MATH

Quantitatively gifted and high achieving students move up to the next grade level math class which allows gifted and high achieving math students to compact grade level instruction and accelerate their learning of the next grade level standards.

Students receive standard placement into the Walk-Up Math program with an NGAT or CogAT quantitative score in the 97th percentile or higher.

Students who score quantitatively between the 88th-96th percentile may be eligible for the Walk-Up to Math program with other supportive data points. This evaluation will be conducted by the Gifted Specialist.

All students who participate must sign a Walk-Up to Math commitment form and placement will be evaluated quarterly.

SPARK ENRICHMENT

Gifted and high achieving students are provided SPARK Enrichment throughout the school day. This time is conducted by the Gifted Specialist and is used for enrichment learning experiences that address the unique needs of gifted students.

