

# REACH Program

## *Description & Guidelines*

**Description:** The Chesterfield Township Elementary School REACH Program (formerly known as the Gifted & Talented Program) is a dynamic small group program that is both challenging and meaningful to our students. The program supports a learning environment that encourages students to reach their highest potential. The goal of the program is to allow students to engage their creativity, strengths, and abilities to the greatest extent possible. We focus on promoting high-level thinking and developing students who are well-rounded, 21st century learners. The units of study are project-based and thematic, allowing opportunities for discovery, open-endedness, and real world connections. The students must use complex skills, such as problem-solving, collaboration/teamwork, communication, and critical thinking. A wide range of instructional strategies are utilized, along with varied texts, supporting materials, grouping strategies, and student choice to provide an enriched learning experience.

### **Guidelines:**

- All students are reevaluated if they are entering *1<sup>st</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, or new to the district.*
- Otherwise, students that are found eligible **remain** in the program from 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.
- Students will be pulled-out from their general education classrooms to a smaller group setting.
- When a student attends the REACH Program, they are responsible for making up any/all missed activities and/or classwork.
- To remain an active participant in the program, students must exhibit satisfactory performance in *both* general education and REACH Program classes.
  - The following is reviewed at the end of each trimester: report card grades, behavior, class performance/participation, etc.
  - If any of the above criteria is **not** met, students will be placed on *probation* for one trimester
  - If the criteria has not been met following the probationary period, the student will be *dismissed* from the program
- Scheduling by grade level:
  - **1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade:** 2x a cycle, 40 minutes each class period (*total = 80 minutes*)
  - **4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade:** 3x a cycle, 40 minutes each class period (*total = 120 minutes*)