

VENTURE



The **Venture Program** at Rankin County School District addresses the unique talents of intellectually gifted students in all eight attendance zones: Brandon, Florence, McLaurin, Northwest, Pelahatchie, Pisgah, Puckett and Richland.

The mission of the **Venture Program** is to provide optimal opportunities for gifted students to realize their maximum potential. Instruction in the **Venture Program** is enrichment based and has an extensive instructional management plan and covers four broad instructional areas: thinking skills, creativity, personal development and research. **Venture Program** teachers use many different instructional strategies such as workshops, independent study, problem-solving exercises, mentorships, small group projects, and brainstorming.

Students in the **Venture Program** meet goals through participation through:

- Development of leadership and decision-making skills.
- Inclination to ask and answer challenging questions.
- Using alternative routes to solve problems through the use of imagination.
- Expansion of specific strengths and interests.
- Verbal, written and dramatic expression.
- Implementation of effective study and research skills.
- Appreciation of different thoughts, environments and cultures.
- Developing a sense of responsibility toward the betterment of society.

To find out more about the **Venture Program**, contact **Laura Anne Marshall** via email at lmarschall@rcsd.ms. All 1st and 2nd grade students are screened for the gifted education program. Students in 3rd-7th grade can be referred for screening by anyone having reason to believe that the student might be intellectually gifted. Screener sample questions can be found on the RCSD website (www.rcsd.ms) under gifted education.