## **General Course Information**

Course Name: Stretch 6th	
Department: Stretch/Gifted	Grade Level(s): 6
Duration/Credits: 1 year	Prerequisites: placement through an application and testing process
BOE Approval Date:	Course Code:

## **Course Description:**

Students in Stretch 6th grade develop as leaders, critical and creative thinkers, independent explorers, and globally aware citizens. The goal is to provide experiences to question, integrate, analyze, and communicate. This course is individualized and student driven and is designed to meet the specific needs of the gifted learner. Placement into the gifted program is completed through a testing and application process.

## **Course Rationale:**

Every student deserves to be challenged on his or her level. Gifted students have unique, individual needs that require a specialized curriculum and course work to meet. Stretch 6th grade is designed to meet the needs of the gifted student.

## **Course Objectives:**

The student will independently explore topics of his or her choice, design personal objectives, and track his or her own progress.

The student will develop self-awareness through identifying and analyzing theories of intelligence as well as personal strengths and weaknesses.

The student will utilize the creative process to identify problems, innovate solutions, and create multiple approaches to refine his or her thinking.

The student will explore, discuss, and propose solutions to real-world problems.

The student will analyze current events, work collaboratively, and engage in service to the community to develop diverse perspectives.

The student will maintain organization, set norms for group work, and reflect on his or her impact on a group to better develop leadership skills.