

General Course Information

Course Name: Stretch 8th	
Department: Stretch/Gifted	Grade Level(s): 8
Duration/Credits: 1 year	Prerequisites: placement through an application and testing process
BOE Approval Date:	Course Code
Course Description:	
<p>Students in Stretch 8th grade advance their skills as leaders, critical and creative thinkers, independent explorers, and globally aware citizens. The goal is to provide experiences to gain a broader view of the world, take creative risks, and strengthen positive self-concepts. 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.</p>	
Course Rationale:	
<p>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 8th grade is designed to meet the needs of the gifted student.</p>	
Course Objectives:	
<p>The student will present their independent exploration project in a symposium setting using a multi-media format and an authentic audience.</p> <p>The student will display a growth mindset, approaching challenges and academic risks with enthusiasm, creativity and persistence.</p> <p>The student will take creative risks, using ingenuity and imagination to think critically to develop solutions to real-world challenges.</p> <p>The student will make connections between local issues and world trends.</p> <p>The student will develop the skills to be a responsible and independent citizen.</p>	
Standards Alignment:	
Derived from National Association of Gifted Children	