

Gifted and
Talented Program



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BACK
TO SCHOOL!

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Stefanie Dunnigan grew up in Bergen County. She earned her B.A. in Psychology and M.S. in Education for Reading and Literacy from William Paterson University. She has been teaching in Bergenfield since 2002, and has been recognized as Teacher of the Year in 2006, 2010, and 2016.

Understanding the importance of including character education and SEL in the curriculum, Mrs. Dunnigan was inspired to co-publish the books, "Travel Tails: All Bark and No Bite" and "I Choose Gratitude." She implements lessons about mindfulness and mindset in each of her G&T lessons to help students make and sustain positive changes in their academic and personal lives.





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Gifted and Talented Visual Arts (GTVA)

Honors Choir, Orchestra, and Band

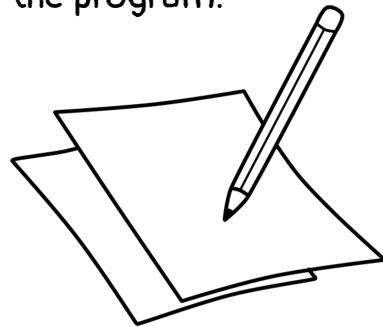
Quiz Bowl- Robotics Math Team-
secondary level

Gifted and Talented Identification Process and Criteria

Teachers, parents and guardians have the option to refer a student for the Elementary Gifted & Talented Program; however, all students are automatically reviewed.

There are 2 rounds of identification that use various data points to identify gifted students.

Before we do any assessment, a letter is sent to parents stating that we are looking at your student to be a part of the program.



During Round 1, we look at:

- formative assessment(s)
- Teacher Surveys

If a student moves onto Round 2, we look at the following to determine eligibility:

- SAGES-3 Verbal and Nonverbal
- On Demand Writing
- Teacher Survey
- Parent Survey (available in English and Spanish)

Student Eligibility

After assessments are completed, a scoring rubric is used to determine eligibility/ineligibility.

A letter is sent to parents.



Returning Students

Returning students will not be retested.

We will monitor the students' progress throughout the year to make sure they are continuing to exceed grade level expectations, as well as, meet the PK-12 Gifted Programming Standards.

G&T Enrichment Services for K-2

- The Gifted & Talented Program for students in grades K-2 follows a "push in" model.
- Support students with critical thinking skills and extension lessons.
- In January, "push in" for kindergarten classes will begin.

G&T Curriculum for Grades K-2

Unit 1- Inquiry-based Learning/Science investigations

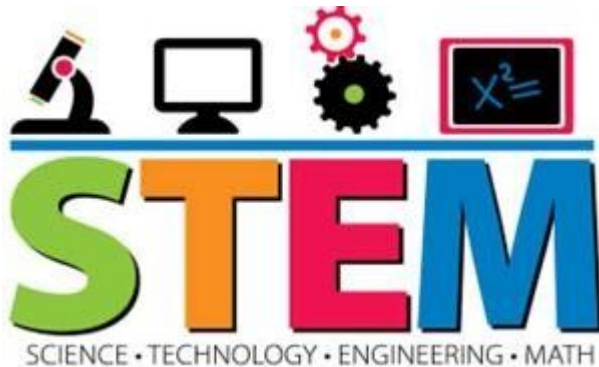
Unit 2- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Unit 3- ELA/Humanities and Fine Arts



Gifted and Talented Services for 3-5

- The Gifted & Talented Program for students in grades 3-5 follows a "pull out" model.
- Meet with the identified students for an hour each week during the regular school day.
- Includes programming in addition to the grade level curriculum.



G&T Curriculum for Grades 3-5



There are 3 units:

Unit 1- Intro to Inquiry-based/solution-centered learning

Unit 2- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Unit 3- Humanities and Fine Arts

This curriculum focuses on developing students' natural creativity to become problem-solvers and offers many collaborative opportunities.

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Gifted & Talented Program

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to identify gifted and talented students within the school district and to provide these students with appropriate instructional adaptations and services. To that end, the Board directs each such student in the school district be identified and offered an appropriate educational program and services.

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