



Las Brisas
Continuum of Gifted Services
2026-2027

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Gifted Services Provided			
Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gifted Pre K Academy 		
Kindergarten 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bright Beginnings ● Gifted Cluster ● Walk-Up to Math ● K-2 Gifted Enrichment ● SPARK Enrichment ● Global Studies Enrichment 		
Grades 3 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gifted Cluster ● Walk-Up to Math ● SPARK/SAGE Enrichment ● Mandarin (5-6 Renaissance only) ● Global Studies Enrichment ● Renaissance Highly Gifted & Global Studies Academy 		
Additional Programs & Extra-Curricular Activities	STEAM Battle of the Books	Spelling Bee Participation Student Government	Biztown Yearbook

Gifted Placement and Testing:

Student placement is based on the three state approved areas of Verbal, Quantitative, & Non-verbal. The Gifted Academy offers gifted services starting for students who score at or above 90% in one or more areas. The specialty programs of Gifted Preschool, Bright Child Kindergarten, and Renaissance all have applications or specialist testing, and Renaissance also has additional gifted score requirements.

DVUSD uses the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) assessment. Gifted testing for grades 1-6 is



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conducted throughout the year based on teacher and parent recommendations. Students may only be tested once per calendar year, and students may also qualify based on other state approved gifted identification assessments. Screening for Pre K and Kindergarten are available for a fee.

Description of Services:

Gifted Pre K Academy: This program provides full-day gifted services to qualifying students. The program consists of only gifted identified students, where they receive instruction from a gifted trained instructor. Please see www.dvusd.org/giftedpreschool for more details. Application is required.

Bright Beginnings Kindergarten and Grades 1&2: All gifted identified students are placed in a full-day, gifted classroom with a highly qualified, gifted endorsed teacher. Program application is required.

Gifted Cluster: The gifted cluster program provides full-day gifted services to qualifying students. Students are grouped together in the same classroom, and are taught by a gifted trained teacher with direct classroom support from the Gifted Specialist.

Walk-Up to Math: Quantitatively gifted students as well as those who test above grade level on school placement exams are a higher grade level. This can happen in the classroom or in a walk-up model where qualifying students are clustered together and placed in the above grade level's math class for instruction. Students needing math instruction at the 8th grade level or higher, are able to take their class with Deer Valley's online school (ASPIRE) and receive support for our teachers too.

SAGE Enrichment: This Language Arts and Math program is for gifted students who are identified in those areas. Though each school adapts this model to best meet the needs of its students and community, the SAGE program generally serves grades 3-6. All identified students meet daily in the SAGE classroom in lieu of the general education classroom to receive their instruction in English Language Arts and/or Math from the school's Gifted Specialist.

SPARK Enrichment: Gifted identified students may meet with the Gifted Specialist for enrichment projects and lessons. SPARK is an ongoing enrichment learning program that addresses the unique needs of gifted and high potential students. It also incorporates supports for the unique social and emotional needs of gifted learners.

Renaissance Highly Gifted & Global Studies Academy: The DVUSD's Highly Gifted Program. Students must score 90+ in all 3 areas tested and with 280 points or higher as an overall total score on the CogAT assessment. Students also must pass the application process. All students in this program are in a full day, gifted classroom with a highly qualified, gifted endorsed teacher. Math and ELA are accelerated, Science and Social Studies are enriched, and STEAM and Global Studies projects are



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daily activities.

At Las Brisas:

- All teachers have or are working towards Gifted Endorsements
- All students receive STEAM Education
- Math acceleration is available to all who qualify
- The whole child is supported



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