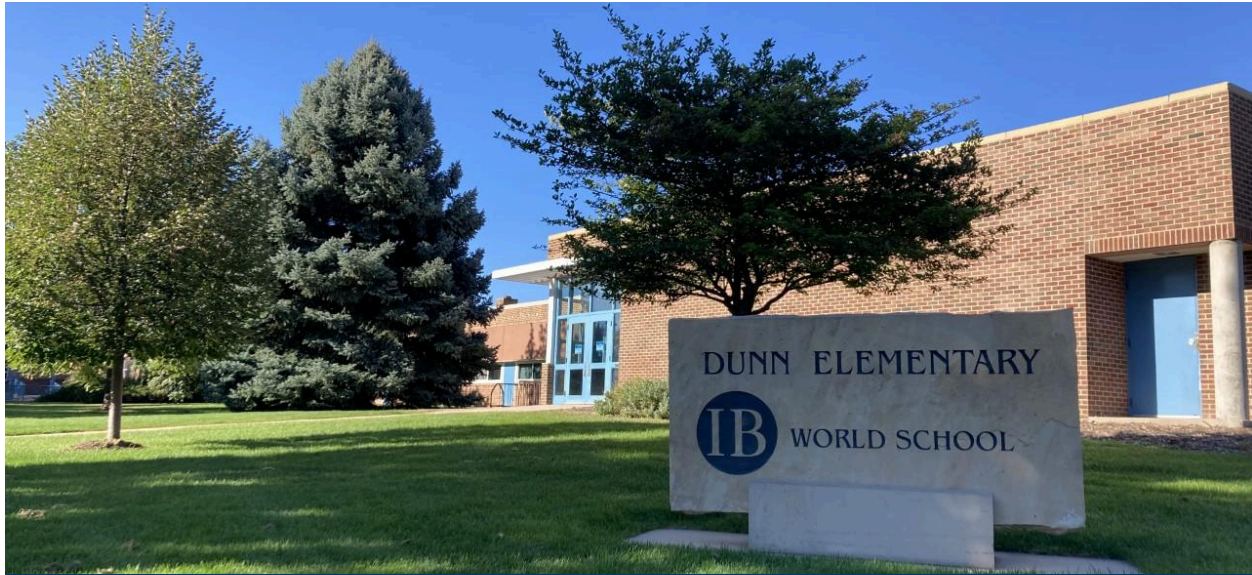




Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dunn Elementary School



Dunn's Gifted and Talented Program acknowledges the advanced student's personal, social, and academic needs. It supports growth and achievement with differentiated learning in the International Baccalaureate classroom curriculum, with extracurricular opportunities and community-based experiences. Dunn's GT coordinator and staff provide a responsive climate and relevant learning experiences that foster intellectual curiosity and critical and creative thinking for high student achievement. We provide opportunities for exploration in areas of personal interest. Dunn's GT Program is designed to teach students how to recognize and use their potential to be catalysts for positive change in our local and global communities and to become successful, self-directed learners.

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45

Average GT students

364

Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

At Dunn Elementary School, students in grades three through five who are identified for additional enrichment in both math and/or reading receive targeted instruction through the lens of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP). This approach emphasizes **inquiry, action, and reflection**, empowering students to take ownership of their learning. Enrichment opportunities integrate **service and action** projects through collaborative, service lessons provided by *Project Heart* and *OtterCares*. These lessons are designed to incorporate Colorado State Standards in reading, writing, speaking, problem-solving, and mathematics.

Through the IB lens of action and inquiry, students maximize their potential by developing **student agency**—the ability to make choices, take initiative, reflect, and act with purpose. They learn to utilize their talents as lifelong learners who lead with empathy, curiosity, and perseverance, becoming globally minded individuals who positively impact both our school, community, and the world. We also place a strong emphasis on meeting the **diverse social-emotional needs** of all students. Targeted lessons provide skills and tools to help them thrive—not only at Dunn Elementary but also in our ever-changing world. Alongside the PYP framework and expert classroom instruction, differentiated activities, and meaningful enrichment, we prepare students to engage with **real-life issues and exercise their voice and choice**. Classroom teachers are content-area experts who create challenging and engaging learning experiences, inspiring every student to reach their highest potential.



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Overview of the GT program at this school



Dunn's GT Program:

- **Applies Learning to the Real World** – Students engage in meaningful, authentic problem-solving that connects classroom learning to real-world contexts.
- **Supports Social and Emotional Growth** – Guidance is provided to help students navigate challenges, celebrate successes, and build resilience.
Builds on Strengths and Interests – Individual talents and passions are recognized and developed, encouraging exploration through an interdisciplinary approach.
- **Integrates IB Units of Inquiry** – Students deepen their understanding by applying knowledge and skills from PYP transdisciplinary units.
- **Promotes Collaboration** – Opportunities are provided for students to work alongside like-minded peers in collaborative, creative projects.
- **Fosters Key Learner Profile Attributes** – Empathy, curiosity, voice, generosity, and compassion are encouraged and modeled.
Cultivates International Mindedness – Students develop a global perspective, recognizing their role in a diverse and interconnected world.
- Through this approach, Dunn's GT program empowers students to **think critically, act with integrity, and become compassionate leaders** who contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



Dunn follows the state and district requirements for creating Advanced Learning Plans (ALP). Please follow this link to learn about our ALP process for 2026-2027:

<https://www.psdsschools.org/academics/gifted-and-talented/advanced-learning-plans>

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



For more information, visit Dunn's website at dun.psdschools.org

- Enrichment groups meet two days a week for thirty minutes
- Student Ambassadors
- IB Action Projects
- Differentiated instructions in homerooms
- Focus on the IB Learner Profile
- Student Council
- Safety Dolphins

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school



- Lego Robotics
- Fleet Feet (Running Club)
- Art Club
- Yoga
- Japanese Club
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Writing Club
- French Club
- Battle of the Books
- Japanese Club
- STEM Club
- Chess Club
- Mighty Math Minds
- Garden Club

Affective programming for GT students



The Gifted and Talented (GT) Program at Dunn Elementary School recognizes and values the unique affective characteristics of GT students as IB learners. Support is provided through a collaborative and differentiated approach involving the Counseling Office, the GT and IB Programs, and grade-level teacher teams. Our program creates opportunities for students to discuss both challenges and successes in a safe, supportive environment—whether one-on-one with a trusted adult or in small groups with peers who share similar experiences and needs. This helps students build self-awareness, resilience, and a strong sense of belonging that emphasizes agency, voice, and choice. As part of their Advanced Learning Plan (ALP), every GT student sets a personalized affective goal designed to support their emotional well-being, social skills, and personal growth. This ensures that their needs are met not only academically, but also in the areas that help them thrive as confident, balanced learners.

Grade-specific GT services



Grades 3-5: pull-out enrichment groups and classroom differentiation

Gifted and Talented (GT) enrichment services are provided to all identified students in grades 3 through 5. Students identified in math and/or reading participate in collaborative enrichment sessions. We also offer dedicated support for fifth-grade families, as our GT Coordinator partners with you to navigate the middle school selection process.

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