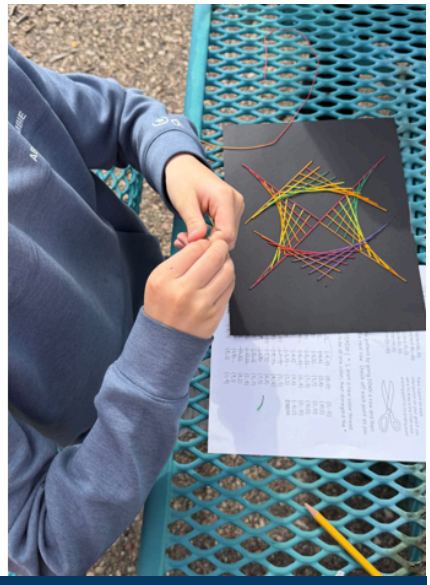

Gifted and Talented | POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Laurel Elementary School

Laurel offers differentiated instruction in the general education classroom setting for all students, including those identified as Gifted and Talented. In addition, those students identified through the Poudre School District criteria are provided with a program that is responsive to student needs and interests. Laurel's Gifted and Talented Program acknowledges the advanced student's personal, social/emotional, and academic needs and supports growth and achievement with differentiated learning in classroom curriculum, pull-out small groups, and extracurricular opportunities.

Gifted & Talented | Laurel Elementary

24
Average GT students

360
Total student enrollment

Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

At Laurel Elementary School, students identified as gifted, have classroom differentiation and extensions, as well as daily pull-out groups. 3rd-5th grade students participate in GT small group pullout sessions 30+ minutes daily with the GT Coordinator or GT para-professional. The Compacted Math (Acceleration) Program is available to 4th grade students who meet district criteria. This program accelerates students through the 4th, 5th and 6th grade math curriculum over the course of 4th and 5th grades.

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Site-Based Gifted and Talented Services Overview

Overview of the GT program at this school

Laurel's GT Program:

- Provides advanced learning experiences with daily pull-out small groups.
- Provides enrichment with push in extensions during classroom core content work.
- Provides social and emotional guidance through ALP goals.
- Acknowledges strengths and interests and helps the student build on them through Passion Projects.
- Laurel's Gifted and Talented program believes in the importance of building the academic and social/emotional needs of all students through a variety of enrichment experiences in and out of the classroom.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school

Students and teachers work together to create ALP's which are focused on both Achievement and Affective goals. Gifted teachers check in with students quarterly to review and discuss ALP goals and progress.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school

- Project based learning in small groups
- Small group literacy and/or math enrichment
- Independent projects to deepen learning and understanding
- Passion projects to showcase individual strengths and interests

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school

- Mighty Math Minds Competition
- Laurel Strings Program
- Passion Projects

Affective programming for GT students

Affective goals are written into all ALP's and students meet with their GT teacher to check-in on these goals throughout the year. Affective goals are discussed during Mindfulness Mondays.

Grade-specific GT services

3rd Grade: Small group enrichment, 30 minutes advanced literacy & reading group, push in math enrichment during grade level math block
4th Grade: Small group enrichment in literacy, 30 minutes per day. Compacted Math Program, 75 minutes per day.
5th Grade: Small group enrichment in literacy, 30 minutes per day. Math push in enrichment daily during grade level math instruction.

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