Gifted and Talented | POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Irish Elementary Escuela Bilingüe

A primary focus of Irish Elementary is to prepare children to be lifelong students and productive members of a diverse society, staff and community. We want to involve them actively in a process that will allow them to communicate and cooperate effectively by learning from different cultures and languages. We provide children with various learning experiences designed to meet these goals. We believe that every child is unique, and teachers recognize and respect the needs of each individual. We will help each child to acquire and develop the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve academic excellence.

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Average GT students

251
Total student enrollment

Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

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Gifted and Talented site coordinator

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Site-Based Gifted and Talented Services Overview

Overview of the GT program at this school

Students select extended studies, community mentorships and/or classroom-embedded projects to provide challenge/interest at their academic level and make progress toward their advanced learning plan goals. We use culturally and linguistically diverse identification protocols to expand our enrichment opportunities.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school

Through collaboration between the GT coordinator, classroom teachers, interventionists, Specials teachers and parents, students are referred as potential candidates for investigation of specific talents and strengths. When students qualify for GT services, an advanced learning plan is developed with input from all stakeholders. The GT coordinator checks progress toward ALP goals with the student once a month.

Programming opportunities for GT students

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Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school

Enrichment opportunities include flexible grouping to provide extension of core content and special interest projects during relevant content area time.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school

PSD After 3 – comprehensive federally funded after-school program that includes courses such as:

- Flor Antigüa – traditional Mexican dance group
- Mariachi music ensemble
- Running Club
- Yoga
- Drama Club
- KidWind

Affective programming for GT students

All students receive instruction around empathy, emotional self-regulation, conflict resolution and problem solving. The emphasis is on the application of these skills in the context of both social and academic settings to build interpersonal and academic talent.

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