



Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lopez Elementary School



The mission of the Lopez Gifted and Talented (GT) program is to maximize the potential of GT students by providing a program that will match the unique characteristics and needs of the students by offering a challenging and accelerated curriculum. Support for GT students happens in partnership with the classroom teachers. All Lopez teachers are trained in diverse instruction that allows students to progress at a pace appropriate to their abilities, talents and learning styles. 21st century skills are put into play at all levels. Inquiry and technology-driven projects in science, geography, and social studies are designed by classroom teachers.

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15

Average GT students

280

Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

Students identified in math will receive differentiated math instruction in the homeroom classroom designed to provide challenge and extension in their areas of identification. Classroom teachers will use assessment data to identify mastered standards and provide opportunities for students to engage in deeper learning and advanced thinking.

Students identified in reading will participate in cross-classroom level literacy WIN (What I Need) groups that provide targeted instruction based on individual needs and readiness.

Site-Based Gifted and Talented Services Overview

Mrs. Vaughn, our school counselor, meets with gifted students throughout the year to support their affective and social-emotional goals.

Students have access to a variety of enrichment opportunities, including monthly student-choice clubs during the school day and after-school activities such as Battle of the Books and Odyssey of the Mind. We also plan to host Mighty Math Minds after school beginning after winter break.



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Overview of the GT program at this school



Lopez's GT Program:

- Provides advanced learning experiences with appropriately higher learning standards
- Provides social and emotional learning
- Acknowledges strengths and interests and helps the student build on them to challenge themselves toward new horizons

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



Gifted and Talented students at Lopez work with GT staff, teachers and parents to choose goals for their annual Advanced Learning Plan (ALP). According to CDE, a GT student has to choose an Achievement ALP goal and an Affective ALP goal each year. This ALP isn't about extra work—it's about "being the leader of my own learning."

Programming opportunities for GT students



- Grouping patterns (flexible, cluster and ability).
- Appropriate pacing by accelerating and differentiating curriculum, instruction and assessment.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



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| • WIN enrichment groups | • Cross-grade buddies | • Lunch Bunches |
| • Find Your Voice Clubs | • Student Lighthouse Team | • Lopez News |

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school



For more information regarding some activity descriptions, please visit our Activities tab on the Lopez website at: <https://lop.psdschools.org/activities>

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| • Lego Robotics | • BStrong BFit | • Art Club |
| • Chess Club | • Martial Arts | • Battle of the Books |
| • Mighty Math Minds | • Odyssey of the Mind | • Blooming Girls |

Affective programming for GT students



The social and affective needs of Gifted students are met in a variety of ways. Students learn to incorporate the 8 Habits into their daily lives and these values are consistently taught throughout the Leader in Me curriculum. Students also learn skills to help them be successful both academically and socially during their time with the GT teacher. They also meet with the school counselor once a month to focus on their annual affective goals. The GT Program provides opportunities for students to discuss struggles and achievements in a safe environment with a trusted adult and/or other GT students with similar needs.

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