



Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Riffenburgh Elementary IB World School



Gifted identified students may participate in the following opportunities to meet their needs:

- Daily grade level regrouping time in math and/or literacy where identified gifted students collaborate and work with like-minded peers
- Weekly 30 minute passion project time with an emphasis on increasing executive functioning skills (ie. planning, organization)
- Instruction tailored towards individual learning styles, strengths, and interests
- Work on book studies, research projects, higher level thinking skills, creative problem solving and other creative activities with a math or language arts focus.
- Development of social/emotional skills
- Differentiation in the classroom to meet their needs
- Access to complex texts and complex tasks in Tier 1 Universal Instruction



55

Average GT students

410

Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

Riffenburgh is an authorized IB world school as of the summer of 2014. Students are given the opportunity to take action and extend their learning through their units of inquiry being taught within their classroom. During scheduled WIN grade level times, Gifted students participate in various math and language arts enrichment activities i.e. novel studies, math games, research projects, etc.



Gifted and Talented site coordinator:

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Overview of the GT program at Riffenburgh



Students who are identified as gifted participate in a targeted enrichment time with Grade Level GT leads each day and with the GT Site Coordinator once a week, tailored towards individual learning styles, strengths, and interests. Students are grouped with like minded peers during the individual grade level's scheduled intervention/enrichment blocks when no new material is being taught. During this time, the students work on book studies, research projects, higher level thinking skills, creative problem solving and other creative activities with a math or language arts focus. They will be provided with advanced learning experiences with appropriately higher learning standards. Student's strengths and interests will be acknowledged and students will build on them to branch out in an interdisciplinary approach. Learning is also taught through an International Baccalaureate (IB) lens and connected to our IB learning scope and sequence.

Students also are taught social emotional skills through passion projects and lunch bunches with the GT teacher on Tuesdays. On Tuesdays, Passion projects are during Literacy WIN times and students will focus on their goals for their advanced learning plans (ALPs).

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



Students work with grade level teacher leads and the GT Site Coordinator to create ALP goals for the year. They reflect on them in the middle of the year and at the end of the school year. Students choose their own goals and evaluate themselves on their selected goals. These goals are a combined academic and social/emotional goal.

Programming opportunities for GT students



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Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



All students may participate in the Riffenburgh Science Fair (when offered) and students in Math GT participate in the Math Olympiad Challenge. The entire school receives Spanish instruction as part of the specials rotation and all 5th graders participate in Exhibition projects.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school



New enrichment opportunities are always coming to Riffenburgh!

- Odyssey of the Mind
- Track
- Running Club
- Missoula Children's Theater
- Legos through Play-Well
- Wild Roots
- Disc Golf Club
- Riffenburgh Rockers
- Riffenburgh Choir
- Chess Club (Chessmates)
- Language Opportunities
- Yoga
- Young Rembrandts
- Blooming Girls

Affective programming for GT students



All students at Riffenburgh receive social emotional lessons from Mrs. O, have access to a school counselor, and have access to regulation spaces and tools in their classrooms. This year, the GT site coordinator will also be meeting with students once a month (approx) for a targeted lunch bunch group that focuses on topics that are often found within the gifted profile (ie. perfectionism, anxiety, imposter syndrome, etc.)

Grade-specific GT services



3rd-5th Grade Literacy and Math enrichment instruction through daily regrouping time.

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