



Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Preston STEM Middle School



Preston's Gifted and Talented Program acknowledges the advanced student's personal, social, and academic needs and supports growth and achievement with differentiated learning in classroom curriculum, with extracurricular opportunities, and community-based experiences. Preston'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. Preston's GT Program is designed to teach students how to recognize and use their potential and to become successful, self-directed learners.

<https://pre.psdschools.org/departments/academics/gifted-talented>



84

Average GT students

630

Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

Preston offers accelerated math programs for each grade level. 6th graders are able to take Math 7/8, and from there, they can move into Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry. All placements are based around the PSD GT ID process. Extensions, guest speakers, and personally-made goals allow students to extend their ELA knowledge and application throughout their time in the GT program as well.



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Overview of the GT program at this school



Preston's GT Program:

- Provides advanced learning experiences with appropriately higher learning standards.
- Provides social and emotional guidance.
- Acknowledges strengths and interests and helps the student build on them to branch out in an interdisciplinary approach.
- Applies learning to each of the pillars of STEM education
- Guides the student in selecting enrichment, elective, and extra-curricular opportunities.
- Preston Middle School'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 will meet with their GT Coordinator on a regular basis. As they do, they will select two goals: one that is academic, and one that is affective (focused on social-emotional well-being, executive functioning, etc.). Both goals are shared with the student's teachers, and progress is monitored through future check ins and follow-up meetings.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



For more information regarding some course descriptions, please visit our Academics Tab at Preston's website at: <https://pre.psdschools.org/>

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| • Regularly scheduled small group GT meetings | • Choir Electives | • Current World Affairs Enrichment |
| • Field Trips (ex: Buell Theater, Noosa, UCAR, UNC Ropes Course) | • Differentiated Instruction in Art | • Creative Writing/Poetry Enrichment |
| • Advisory ELO on study hall days | • Exploring Engineering; Exploring Chemistry; Exploring Robotics; Exploring Technology | • WEB Leaders |
| • Science Olympiad Enrichment | • Technology Electives/Enrichments (computers, 3d design; VR; 21st century media; gaming) | • Advanced Spanish and German classes |
| • Lego Robotics Enrichment | | |
| • Band/Orchestra | | |
| • Jazz | | |

** These are offered depending on school scheduling.*

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school



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| • Lego Robotics | • D&D Club |
| • Math Counts | • Athletic Opportunities |
| • Science Olympiad | • Give Next |

Affective programming for GT students



The Gifted and Talented Program at Preston Middle School recognizes the GT student's affective characteristics and provides individual support through the Counseling Office, the GT Program, and through grade level teacher teams.

Grade-specific GT services



- Accelerated Math classes
- ELA enrichment and extensions

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