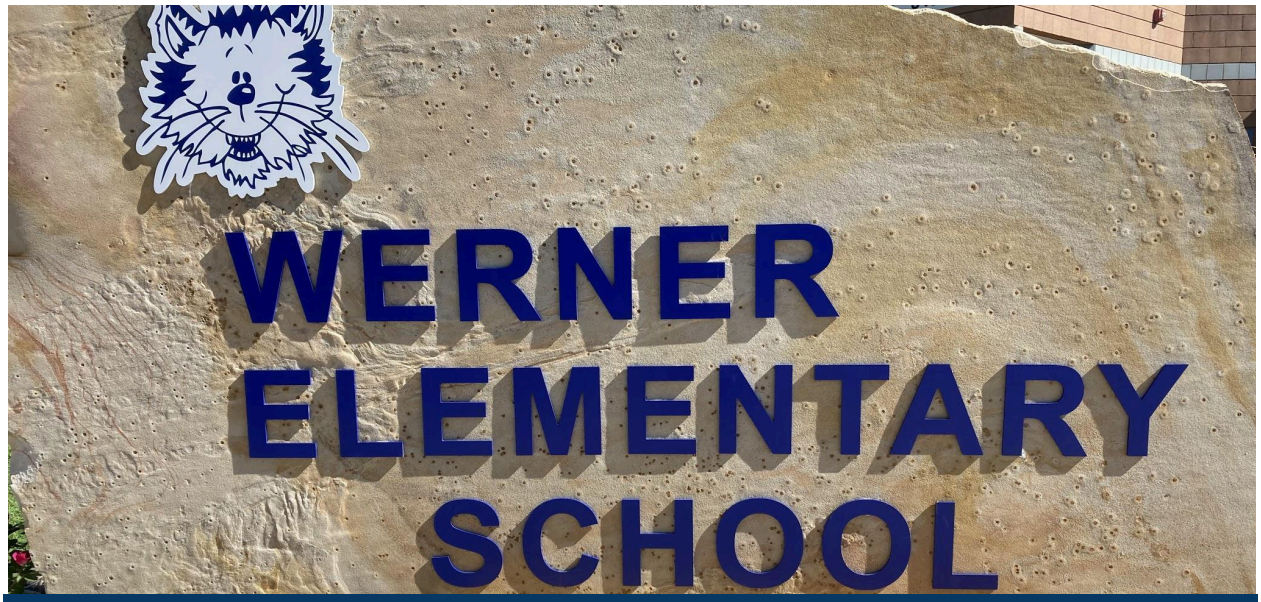
| Site-Based Gifted and Talented Services Overview



Gifted and Talented | POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Werner Elementary

Werner's Gifted and Talented Program acknowledges the advanced student's personal, social, and academic needs and supports growth and achievement with differentiated learning in the classroom curriculum, with extracurricular opportunities, and community-based experiences.

Werner'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. Werner's GT Program teaches students to recognize and use their potential to become successful, self-directed learners.

25+
Average GT students

385
Total student enrollment

Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

Third through fifth-grade students who are identified in reading will receive extension opportunities within their class and in a pull-out enrichment class taught by the gifted teacher using advanced language arts learning opportunities.

Third through fifth-grade students identified in math will receive extension opportunities within their class and in a pull-out enrichment class taught by the gifted teacher, where they will be allowed deeper exploration of math concepts.

Fifth-grade students have an opportunity to participate in the Math Olympiad.

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Overview of the GT program at this school

At Werner, the needs of gifted learners are met in many ways.

- Pull-out enrichment class, Knowledge Workshop, for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in math and reading.
- Social/emotional groups based on the needs of students
- Classroom differentiation
- Before and after school enrichment opportunities

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school

Students set ALP goals in collaboration with their family and teachers. Students select an achievement goal in reading and writing, as well as an affective goal.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school

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Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school

Werner offers many before/after-school enrichment opportunities, such as chess, Odyssey of the Mind, choir, foreign language opportunities, running club, and more.

Affective programming for GT students

The social and emotional needs of gifted students are addressed by the classroom teacher and the gifted teacher within their learning environments. The school counselor is available to address specific needs and teaches whole-group lessons within homerooms. All gifted students have an affective goal and meet with the gifted teacher to work towards those goals throughout the school year.

Grade-specific GT services

- Grades 3-5: pull-out enrichment groups
- Grades K-5: classroom differentiation

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