

Gifted Programming Sites

The Elementary Programming for grades one through five is currently located in Sedalia Elementary School. Students opting to participate in the services will attend for the entire day, every day of the school year. They will ride a bus from their homes straight to their gifted site and back home at the end of the school day. Students who have childcare providers near their home school that can not get transported from Sedalia will be transported from childcare to home schools and then take a shuttle from home schools to Sedalia in the morning. At the end of the day they will then be shuttled to home schools to meet childcare busses.

All middle school level services are located at **Middle School North**. This includes math, reading and science service for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade gifted students.

Written Education Plans

A Written Education Plan (WEP) guides all gifted education services provided to a student. The WEP is based upon the student's area(s) of gifted identification and individual needs.

The Written Education Plan includes goals in each area of service, methods for evaluating the progress towards the specified goals, a schedule for reporting this progress to parents and students, and a date by which the WEP will be reviewed for possible revision. The plan also details who will be responsible for providing the gifted service to the student.

Resources

OAGC

Ohio Association for Gifted Children www.oagc.com

NAGC

National Association for Gifted Children www.nagc.org

Hoagies' Gifted Education Page

www.hoagiesgifted.org

SENG

Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted
www.sengifted.org

ODE

Ohio Department of Education
www.ode.state.oh.us

Center for Gifted Education, College of William and Mary

<http://education.wm.edu/centers/cfge>

Gifted Education Services

4400 Marketing Place, Suite B
Groveport, OH 43125
614.492.2520

For more Gifted Programming
Information, go to:

www.gocruisers.org

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Elementary Services for Grades 1-5

Welcome!

Groveport Madison Local Schools welcomes you and your student to our Gifted and Talented Program for Elementary Students. Our services address the needs of cognitively and academically gifted students in grades one through five. Specific criteria for this programming must follow the State of Ohio's guidelines for gifted identification. The Elementary Program is designed to provide challenging experiences that will enable students to make the most of their abilities and encourage them to expand their own interests.

Our Services

Mathematically gifted students in grades

Mathematically gifted students in grades 1-5 and/or or in the Superior Cognitive Abilities are eligible for service, also in a self-contained gifted classroom for math. This means your student's Gifted Intervention Specialist will work with all students grouped together for the entire math class time every day.

The Gifted Specialists will adjust the instructional level for our gifted math students by using resources appropriate for young gifted math learners, including our gifted math text adoption, M³ Mentoring Mathematical Minds. Through this math instruction students will be exposed to content above level and will prepare for their path of acceleration in gifted services. The use of hands on learning and exploration aids our students in their growth and development as mathematical thinkers. If successful on this path through the elementary years, these students will have the opportunity to take 6th grade math while still at the elementary school. This group of students would then take pre-algebra in 6th grade, algebra as 7th graders and high school Geometry in 8th grade, leaving more time in high school for college work while still at GMLS!



Students in Grades 1- 5 who are identified in the Reading and/or in the Superior Cognitive Abilities are eligible for service in a self-contained gifted classroom for reading/writing. This means your student's Gifted Intervention Specialist will work with all gifted reading students grouped together for the entire reading class time.

Our elementary reading service includes the William and Mary Literature Units created specifically for gifted learners, as well as additional novel study aligned to both the grade level standards, as well as above level standards. Gifted learners will gain exposure to a variety of genres and work on their ability to think critically, provide evidence from reading, and analyze what they read. They will engage in rich discussion with likeminded peers on a daily basis. Fourth and fifth grade students will also enhance their grammatical understanding through our Caesar's English program. By the end of their elementary career 5th grade students will extend their understanding by beginning work with the 6th grade standards.



The Challenge of Gifted Programming

Gifted students need appropriate challenges in the regular classroom and in the gifted classroom. Your child's GIS will work hard to provide the most appropriate and rigorous experience as possible at each grade level. We will be pushing our gifted students beyond what they may be used to. We recognize this can be stressful for some students who have never experienced these challenges, but our program is designed to ease into this daily rigor in a safe, nurturing environment.

Young students may protest or even believe the work is beyond their capabilities. Our job, collectively, is to encourage them to accept challenge and to increase their expectations of themselves. We like to say that we "pay our students the compliment of expecting more." If they know we believe they are capable, they will also rise to the occasion and begin to realize their true potential.

Due to the nature of our programming being through acceleration, some parents may determine that the service does not match their student's current needs. This can happen for various reasons including certain social or emotional factors, medical concerns, or even due to a lack of readiness. If a parent decides the program does not meet their student's needs, they may opt out of services for the current year, while keeping future years of service open as an option.