



Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bacon Elementary School



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

<https://bac.psdschools.org/bac/enrichments/gifted-talented>



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Average GT students

380

Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

All teachers at Bacon will differentiate by choosing appropriate, challenging content for students. For example, teachers may choose to offer tiered assignments, focus groups, choice boards, extension activities, etc.

Beginning in 4th grade and continuing through 5th, students who are identified as gifted in reading will have the opportunity to participate in enrichment reading groups in the classroom setting. This group does not replace their classroom reading instruction, but rather allows students to participate in novel studies at an appropriate level and have rich discussions with like-minded peers.

Also, beginning in 4th grade, students who are identified as gifted in the area of math may be invited to participate in a compacted math pathway that replaces their grade-level math class. This course is taught using enVision Math 2.0 resources and moves at an accelerated pace. In 4th grade, students will complete all 4th grade standards and half of 5th grade standards. In 5th grade, students will complete the other half of 5th grade standards and all of 6th grade standards. Thus, students complete three years of math standards in two years.



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Overview of the GT program at this school



Bacon's GT Program:

- Offers a wide range of services to meet the needs of our gifted students. All gifted students will have an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) that addresses goals and programming for his/her specific area(s) of giftedness.
- Students in grades K-3 who have been identified as gifted in math and students (K-5) who are identified in the area of reading and/or creativity, will be provided opportunities for enrichment in their classroom setting.
- 4th and 5th graders who have been identified in math will receive differentiation within their classrooms, in addition to pull-out services provided by the gifted teacher, if the student qualifies for Compacted Math Pathway placement.
- Provides advanced learning experiences with appropriately higher learning standards.
- Provides social and emotional guidance.
- Provides enrichment, elective, and extra-curricular opportunities.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



Gifted students work collaboratively with the gifted site coordinator and with parents/guardians to set their academic and affective goals. The goals are established early in the school year and then revisited in January and May. The gifted site coordinator assists with monitoring goal progress.

Programming opportunities for GT students



- Small-group instruction with similar-ability peers for literacy instruction and novel studies
- K-5 A variety of differentiation strategies; examples include book groups based on interest and ability, independent grammar study, and individualized or small-group math enrichment.
- Math compacting for grades 4th and 5th grades.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



- Small group GT meetings with the school counselor for SEL lessons
- Novel studies in 4th & 5th Grade
- Differentiated Instruction and Assessment in the classroom
- Compacted Math Pathway

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school



- Lego STEM Exploration
- Running Club
- Basketball Skills Camp
- Yoga
- Science Matters
- Cake/Cupcake Decorating
- Leadership Club
- Wild About Wildlife
- Dance/Cheerleading
- Spanish
- Creative Drama/Improv
- Young Rembrandts (Drawing Club)
- Chess Club
- Young Rembrandts Cartooning
- Ukulele Club
- Modern Band

Affective programming for GT students



The school counselor uses a social-emotional learning program called Second Step and meets with grade-level classes regularly. Classroom teachers implement restorative circles weekly. Gifted students meet with the Gifted Site Coordinator and School Counselor three times a year to establish and review ALP goals and for lessons focused on affective goals.

Grade-specific GT services



See “programming opportunities” above.