



Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Zach Elementary School



Zach Elementary serves the personal, social, and academic needs of all students through the Core Knowledge Curriculum.

<https://zac.psdschools.org/classrooms/gt-coordinator>



70
Average GT students

475
Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

GT identified students at Zach can participate in:

- Advanced or compacted math classes
- Advanced reading classes
- Differentiated instruction within the homeroom class
- Social emotional learning support
- In-school and out-of-school enrichment opportunities



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Site-Based Gifted and Talented Services Overview

Overview of the GT program at this school



The gifted program at Zach provides compacted and enrichment math classes or groups for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades for those students who meet the rigorous cut-points. Classes meet daily and are taught by either classroom teachers or the GT site coordinator.

For math, 3rd graders are taught grade level standards with enrichment activities interspersed to provide the opportunity to allow deeper exploration of 3rd grade math concepts. Gifted learners are served in either compacted or enrichment math classes for 4th and 5th grade, as appropriate. For the compacted classes, in 4th grade, students learn all of 4th grade and most of the 5th grade standards. In 5th grade, students learn the remaining 5th grade standards and all of the 6th grade standards. The enrichment class teaches grade level standards with enrichment activities that challenge and build thinking skills. In addition, 4th and 5th graders in the compacted math classes participate in Math Olympiad.

Third, fourth, and fifth graders who are identified as GT receive language arts enrichment and differentiation in an ability grouped class or groups with homeroom classrooms.

Students who are identified as GT but do not meet the cut-points in either math or reading have their needs met through their classroom teacher with differentiation provided.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



Gifted students set their academic and affective goals with their teacher in the fall and revisit their goals in January and May. Students monitor their goal in collaboration with the teacher, family, and the GT site coordinator.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



Math Olympiad
Kids Leadership Group

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school



- Chess Club
- Science, STEM and Stories
- Choir
- Ballet
- Language Clubs
- Robotics & Coding
- Girls on the Run
- Acting
- Blooming Girls
- Dungen & Dragons
- Young Rembrandts
- Lego STEM
- The Stock Market Game
- Nature Art
- Mad Science
- Soulful Seeds
- Yoga Fun
- Cheer & Dance

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Affective programming for GT students



Identified GT students at Zach participate in Bi-weekly instruction addressing their affective (Social Emotional) goals. Students join their grade level, GT identified peers for these groups. Specifically, students receive instruction in Growth Mindset, Mindfulness, and Resilience. All Zach students also receive Social Emotional Learning lessons, via the school counselor through class lessons.

Grade-specific GT services



Gifted students are challenged through differentiation activities within the classroom in grades K-2. In grades 3-5, gifted students are grouped, as appropriate, with their peers in groups or classes for math and language arts. All GT identified students participate in weekly Social Emotional Learning lessons, specific to their developmental level and their unique needs as GT learners.