



Bethke Elementary



Bethke'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. Identified students participate twice a week in a pull-out enrichment time with the GT Site Coordinator, tailored towards individual learning styles, strengths and interests. During this time, the students work on book studies, research projects, higher level thinking skills, creative problem solving and other creative activities with a math or language arts focus. Students also work on social/emotional development. Bethke'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. Bethke's GT Program is designed to teach students how to recognize and use their potential, and to become successful, self-directed learners.

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17

Average GT students

509

Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

At grades 4 and 5, we offer a compacted math pathway for students who qualify. Qualifying students would receive 4th and half of 5th grade math standards in fourth grade and the other half of 5th and all of 6th grade math standards in fifth grade. Students qualify based on a body of evidence. Gifted students participate in various math and language arts enrichment activities i.e. novel studies, math games, research projects, etc.

Site-Based Gifted and Talented Services Overview



Gifted and Talented site coordinator:

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Overview of the GT program at this school



Bethke's GT Program:

Students who are identified as gifted, participate twice a week in a pull-out enrichment time with the GT Site Coordinator tailored towards individual learning styles, strengths and interests. Students go during the individual grade level's scheduled blocks when no new material is being taught. During this time, the students work on book studies, research projects, higher level thinking skills, creative problem solving and other creative activities with a math or language arts focus. They will be given advanced learning experiences with appropriately higher learning standards.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



Students work with the GT Site Coordinator and the classroom teacher to create ALP goals for the year, reflect on them in the middle of the year and at the end of the school year. Students choose their own goals and evaluate themselves on their selected goals. These goals are a combined academic and social/emotional goal.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



Students in grades 3 - 5 will have multiple times during the week to focus on math, reading, or both (depending on area of giftedness) with the GT Coordinator. These times will focus on higher-level thinking and analysis of mathematical concepts and literature.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school



- Art Club
- Running Club
- Technology and Coding
- Science Club
- Legos
- Theater
- Spanish Club
- Choir

Affective programming for GT students



All students at Bethke receive social emotional lessons from our counselors, and have access to a school counselor. During GT lunch groups they are taught social/emotional skills through a structured curriculum as well as while they are working during GT time.

Grade-specific GT services



Grades 3 - 5, Pull-out enrichment groups
Grades K-5, classroom differentiation