

PROJECT POTENTIAL

All 27 WESD elementary schools have the Project Potential Program. Gifted qualified students and "temporary students" who are close to qualification are pulled from their regular classroom twice a week to participate in enrichment activities with a gifted certified teacher. Possible areas of study:

- Think Law
- Novel studies
- Engineering Challenges
- Project Based Learning
- Junior Great Books
- Primary Education Thinking Skills
- Critical thinking games and challenges
- Social-emotional lessons

WESD GIFTED PROGRAMS

THE GIFTED LEARNING CENTER (KINDER-6TH GRADE)

High-ability gifted learners may apply to the GLC at Sahuaro Elementary. The GLC is a self-contained gifted program for students in grades K-6. Students learn with like-ability peers based on ability level as opposed to grade level. Classes are multi-age and focus on the needs and understandings of the individual. Students learn using authentic learning opportunities, including using Project-Based Learning, under the supervision of experienced, gifted-endorsed teachers. The program and teachers focus on the social emotional development and academic needs specific to gifted learners.

Gifted students must meet qualifications and apply for the program. Qualifications include: One score from a cognitive abilities test that is in the gifted range of the 95th percentile or above, a second score in the 90th percentile or higher, and a third score in the 80th percentile or higher. This ensures our gifted students learn with like-ability peers and are ready for fast-paced instruction and higher-level critical thinking.

If you are interested in the GLC, please complete the Google form application on the WESD gifted website.



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FLEX GIFTED PROGRAM (7TH-8TH GRADE)

The FLEX Program is a self-contained program for high-ability gifted 7th and 8th graders located at Cholla Middle School. Gifted middle schoolers have the ability to spend the majority of their day with like-ability peers learning from gifted-endorsed teachers. The junior high core subjects of Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies are taught using higher-level questioning and project-based learning. Students must qualify and apply for the FLEX Program in order to attend.

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