

WESD Gifted Education

MY CHILD IS GIFTED, NOW WHAT?

Your child recently took a cognitive abilities test which determined they scored in the gifted range (95th-99th percentile) in one or more of the three areas. There are three parts to the test Verbal (word puzzles), Quantitative (number puzzles), and Nonverbal (spatial/picture puzzles). Gifted students are unique learners and often need academic support outside the regular classroom. In some schools, students who score close to qualification (87th-94th percentile) are invited as guest learners to gifted classes and will retest the next school year.

In the Washington Elementary School District, the services provided for gifted learners are:

- Project Potential: A pull-out program at each school where students work on project-based learning twice a week with a gifted endorsed teacher

Application Based Programs:

- The Gifted Learning Center (K-6): A self-contained program for students who score high on all three areas of cognitive ability testing. Students receive gifted services all day.
- The FLEX Program (7th/8th): A self-contained program for students who score high on all three areas of cognitive ability testing. Students receive gifted services all day.

More info on applying to the GLC and FLEX and applications at

<https://www.wesdschools.org/Page/137>

Arizona Definition of Gifted Education

"Gifted education" means appropriate academic course offerings and services that are required to provide an educational program that is an integral part of the regular school day and that is commensurate with the academic abilities and potential of a gifted pupil.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Join our monthly virtual parent Group "PEARS." We meet on the third Monday of the month. Email rowe.vanmeter@wesdschools.org to be added to the list and receive the link to join.

Join our WESD Gifted Facebook group
<https://www.facebook.com/WESDGiftedEducation>



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GIFTEDNESS?

**Gifted Parent Classes
occur every month!**

Come meet other gifted parents and families, learn about gifted students' brains, learning disabilities, social emotional needs, and how to work with teachers and schools. There are new topics every month. Register for parent classes on the district website. <https://www.wesdschools.org/Domain/27>



YOUR CHILD'S PROJECT POTENTIAL GIFTED TEACHER

Abraham Lincoln- Chris Dacey
Abraham Lincoln- Sydney Knight
Acacia- Jordan Blair
Alta Vista- Deena Condit
Arroyo- Christine Cox
Cactus Wren- Heather Davis
Chaparral- Cristin Saiz
Desert View- Christina Mahoney
Ironwood- Sonia Hornbaker
John Jacobs- Patricia Ahlman
Lakeview- Heather Davis
Lookout Mountain-Sherry Godfrey
Lookout Mountain-Monica Womack
Manzanita- Shirit Levine
Maryland- Catie Coleman
Moon Mountain- Kari Abraham



Mountain View- Catie Coleman
Ocotillo- Christine Cox
OLA- Rowe Van Meter
Orangewood- Megan Farni
Richard E Miller- Carissa Demcko
Roadrunner-Rene McClay
Sahuaro- Jennifer Mosher
Shaw Butte- Rebecca Detlaff
Sunburst- Jessica Lester
Sunnyslope- Rebecca Detlaff
Sunset- Shirit Levine
Sweetwater- Robin Blank
Tumbleweed- Cristin Saiz
Washington- Rene McClay
Preschool Coordinator- Patti Ahlman

Gifted Learning Center (K-6)

Beth Perry, Kristin Holbrook,
Kate Testa, Tim Lee, Jenn Mosher

FLEX Program 7th/8th

Heidi McKeever, Monica Dunham,
Mark Williams, Harrison Wagner

Gifted Family Nights

November 2, 2023

Family Trivia Night

at WESD District Office 7:00-8:00 PM

March 7, 2024

GiftED Talks and awards

- WESD District Office PM 7:00-8:00 PM

Monthly Game Nights

On the last monday of each month, we will host family game night at the WESD district office. Students interested in chess or rubics cube competitonc can be part of our MENSA Mondays group.

Orientations for New Students & Families

**Nov 2, 2023 at
Sweetwater Elementary
6:00-6:30pm**

**March 7, 2024 at
WESD District Office
6:00-6:30pm**



More Information:

[WESD Gifted Services Homepage](#)

[Arizona Association for Gifted and Talented](#)

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