



# The Gifted Learning Center

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### APPLYING TO THE GLC

**April 1, 2024:** Applications due

**April 19, 2024:** Notification of acceptance to GLC

Students can apply for the GLC on the WESD website.

#### Applications require:

**1) Grades K-3:** A letter from the parent OR student. (see topic on website)

**Grades 4-6:** A letter from the student for 4th-6th grade students. (see topic on website)

**2) Video Submission** showing samples of the student's work. (see website)

**3) Regular Education Teacher Recommendation** (email link to teacher)

**4) Gifted Teacher Recommendation** (email link to teacher)

All descriptions of requirements and links are available on the application website.

<https://www.wesdschools.org/Page/2872>

### ABOUT THE GIFTED LEARNING CENTER

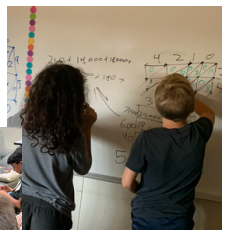
The GLC is multi-age. All K-6 students have a homebase and electives together providing opportunities for older students to mentor the “littles” and create a GLC family.



Our GLC students love to read! For English Language Arts students receive instruction based on their ability level not their grade level. GLC Students experience cross curricular project-based learning connected to their Soc. St. and Science topics. This year they worked on an Instagram reading challenge, GiFTeD talks, Native American, human body, and biome projects.



In math, GLC students also work at their ability level not grade level. The GLC has students working on junior high and even some high school skills in math. There is no ceiling in learning at the GLC. Students also solve critical thinking problems in teams using “Building Thinking Classrooms.”



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Our GLC teachers are highly-qualified and certified in gifted education to meet the unique academic and social emotional needs of gifted learners.



Mrs. Beth Perry was AAGT Gifted Teacher of the Year in 2023.



Ms. Mary Kate Testa is a National Board Certified Teacher.



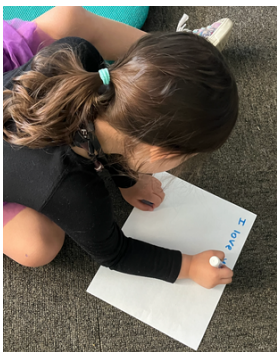
Ms. Kristin Holbrook has a master degree with an emphasis in autism studies and was a WESD Lamp of Learning Awardee.



The teachers recognize some students are Twice-Exceptional (gifted with a disability) and work with students from a strengths-based approach.

Students have flexible seating, fidget toys, sensory items, and quiet corners.

The GLC does not assign homework. The teachers prefer students develop their interests and passions after school.



GLC students often compete (and place) in local and national competitions!

GLC students experience challenge. School is not boring! They are with like-minded friends who also love to learn in a fast-paced, hands-on classroom!



Need to know more about the GLC? <https://www.wesdschools.org/Page/3067>