

Resources

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If my child does not qualify for Gifted Education Services, what enrichment services are available?

- Team will meet to review the recommendations from the Gifted Evaluation Report. This meeting will include your child's building principal, classroom teacher, and the teacher of the gifted and talented.
- Areas of strength that should receive enrichment are identified in the report. The team will review opportunities for your child to receive enrichment, such as participation in upcoming competitions or programs.
- The gifted and classroom teachers will collaborate on providing enrichment within the classroom through the curriculum and with additional opportunities as appropriate.



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DEER LAKES
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Today's Learners. Tomorrow's Leaders

Gifted Education & Enrichment Services



The Deer Lakes Special Education Department is committed to meeting the needs of all students, including those who are gifted and who benefit from enrichment.

The district's ultimate goal is to provide opportunities for all students to be challenged within the curriculum.

Partnerships

Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU)

Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education (PAGE)

Western Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of English (WPCTE)

Northern Area Gifted Consortium



Coursework

At the elementary buildings, students are assessed to determine if they are appropriate for acceleration.

At the middle school, students can enroll in Advanced ELA (7th & 8th) and Math courses. Eighth grade students can take a high school Math course if appropriate. Students participate in on-site writing events and projects that connect to history studies and ELA novels.

When at the Deer Lakes High School, students have access to Honors, Pre-AP, and over 16 AP courses. These courses are available to all students and at this time, there are no prerequisites.

Enrichment Opportunities

National History Day

English Festival

CalcuSolve

Children's Choice Book Awards

D2MD

Flash Fiction Writing Contest

Mock Trial

MS Virtual Debate

PA Media and Design

Phipps Fairchild Challenge

Powering Pittsburgh

Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh

(SACP) Essay Contest

Solar Powered Car Challenge

STEM Design Challenge

WQED PBS Kids Write!

Career Connections

PA Mathematics League

Daughters of the American Revolution

American History Essay Contest

Flash Fiction Festival

Interscholastic Chess Tournament

Historical Mock Trial

**Opportunities are offered to age and grade eligible students based on the student's areas of strength and educational needs.*

Gifted Education Services Information

How is Giftedness Defined in PA?

Districts in Pennsylvania utilize an individualized identification matrix to determine eligibility for gifted education services. Other than IQ score, criteria which can indicate gifted ability include but are not limited to achievement, rate of acquisition/retention, demonstrated achievement, early skill development, and intervening factors masking giftedness.

What is a GIEP?

The Gifted Individualized Education Plan (GIEP) is a yearly summary document that includes all curricular areas in which a gifted child is to receive education that is adapted and modified to meet his/her individual needs. Acceleration or enrichment, or both, are appropriate options. The options provided to gifted students must enable them to learn at different rates, to learn difficult material earlier, and to think at a level different from their classmates.

What is the Gifted Multidisciplinary Evaluation Process?

Referral for a gifted multidisciplinary evaluation shall be made by administration upon review of the results of the district's screenings, by a teacher, or by a parent. Your informed consent in writing is required before the District can conduct the evaluation. You will receive a written report that makes recommendations as to whether or not your child is gifted and in need of specially designed instruction, indicates the basis for those recommendations, and includes recommendations.

Can a student have a disability and also be gifted?

Yes, there are students who have an Individualized Education Program and receive Gifted Support Services; the gifted services are included in the IEP. There are also students who receive gifted services and have a Section 504 plan.