



Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

O'Dea Core Knowledge Elementary School



Gifted and Talented services at O'Dea Core Knowledge are creative...responsive and connect students to advanced learning across content areas in meaningful...exciting and authentic ways. We create smaller pull-out groups with our advanced and gifted students that allow us to extend student learning in more unique and differentiated ways. We intentionally connect our students with professionals in their field of interest or area of passion. We believe in building bridges for our students to continue learning as they meet leaders in their fields of interest. We fuel their passions and give them outlets to grow...think...talk...collaborate...and become better humans by taking that high level intelligence...and encouraging them to do something with it. Our intention is to get students to see that their learning is as creative as they are and that there are good things that can come from that creativity.

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25

Average GT students

440

Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

- Differentiated instruction within the classroom
- Pull out enrichment groups grades 2-5 (WINN)
- After school clubs that target advanced learners
- Social emotional support through weekly counseling classes



Gifted and Talented site coordinator:

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Overview of the GT program at this school



O'Dea's GT Program:

- Provides advanced learning opportunities with appropriately higher learning standards.
- Provides small group pull out
- Guides the student in selecting enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities.
- O'Dea's Core Knowledge Elementary School's Gifted and Talented program believes in the importance of building the academic and social/emotional needs of all students through a variety of enrichment experiences in and out of the classroom.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



The Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) is developed with the student, classroom teacher and GT Site Coordinator. Parents are given opportunities for input on the ALP at any time and that process is explained at Parent/Teacher conferences in the Fall. ALP goals are established early in the school year and then revisited in January and May. Each identified student will have a goal in their area(s) of ID, as well as a social/emotional (affective) goal. When appropriate, goals can be combined to better serve a student. The GT Site Coordinator assists with monitoring the goal process.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



- Daily WINN pull out Groups (What I Need Now) Chess Club
- Advanced Groups in classrooms
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Choir
- Mighty Minds Tournament (5th grade)
- Lego Robotics
- Yoga

Affective programming for GT students



Students' affective needs goals are identified in the student's Advanced Learning Plan. Depending on the student's goals, opportunities can be provided to meet them on an individual basis. Weekly instruction is provided as a class with the school counselor using the Character Strong curriculum.

Grade-specific GT services



Fifth grade advanced and gifted students concentrate on a research and presentation experience called Young Scholars. Advanced and gifted Math students use Open Up Resources for fast paced and rigorous content extension classes.

Advanced and gifted 4th graders participate in a class blog and Pixton.edu for Creative Writing and Expression, Advanced Math using Hands On Equations, Math Mates, Engage NY, Math Navigator, and Beast Academy.

Advanced and gifted 3rd graders explore reading and writing using Junior Great Books, William and Mary literature units, Open Up Resources, novel studies, Creative Writing, Advanced Math using Achieve the Core, Math Navigator, Hands On Equations and Beast Academy.

Advanced 2nd graders participate in all genres of writing using advanced Lexia CloseReads.

