



# Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Laurel Elementary School



Laurel offers differentiated instruction in the regular classroom setting for all students, including those identified as Gifted and Talented. Those students identified through the Poudre School District criteria will be provided with a program that is responsive to student needs and interests. Laurel's Gifted and Talented Program acknowledges the advanced student's personal, social/emotional, and academic needs and supports growth and achievement with differentiated learning in classroom curriculum, pull-out small groups, and extracurricular opportunities.

<https://lau.psdschools.org/programs-enrichment/gifted-talented>



**20**

Average GT students

**400**

Total student enrollment



### Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

At Laurel Elementary School, identified students are placed in GT cluster groups in the classroom to provide for streamlined differentiation, as well as daily pull-out groups. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> students participate in GT small group pullout sessions 30 minutes daily with the GT Coordinator or GT para-professional. The Compacted Math (Acceleration) Program is available in 4th and 5th Grade. This program accelerates students through the 4th, 5th and 6th grade math curriculum so that when they enter middle school, they have the opportunity to be in 7th grade math.



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### Overview of the GT program at this school



#### Laurel's GT Program:

- Cluster groups gifted students in the classroom according to area of identification.
- Provides advanced learning experiences with daily pull-out small groups.
- Provides social and emotional guidance through Lunch Bunch's and ALP goals.
- Acknowledges strengths and interests and helps the student build on them through Passion Projects.
- Opportunities for Arts and Technology projects in literacy and math enrichment groups.
- Laurel'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



Students and teachers work together to create ALP's which are focused on both Achievement and Affective goals. Gifted teachers check in with students quarterly to review and discuss ALP goals and progress.

### Programming opportunities for GT students



- GT cluster groups in classroom provide for streamlined differentiation
- GT small group pullout sessions 30 minutes daily with GT Coordinator or GT para-professional.
- Compacted Math (Acceleration) Program in 4th and 5th Grade. This program accelerates students through the 4th, 5th and 6th grade math curriculum so that when they enter middle school, they have the opportunity to be in 7th grade math. Compacted Math classes are 70 minutes a day, Monday-Friday.

### Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



- Project based learning in small groups
- Rube Goldberg Machines (5th grade)
- Independent projects to deepen learning and understanding
- Community outreach projects.
- Passion projects to showcase individual strengths and interests

### Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school



- Math Olympiad
- Mighty Math Minds Competition
- Laurel Strings Program
- Math Facts Club

### Affective programming for GT students



Affective goals are written into all ALP's and students meet with their GT teacher to check-in on these goals throughout the year. Fifth grade small group lunch bunches do a book study using [The Survival Guide for Gifted Kids](#) to learn about traits specific to GT individuals and discuss the social/emotional needs of GT individuals.

### Grade-specific GT services



- 3rd Grade: Pull-out small group enrichment, 30 minutes a day in math and literacy.
- 4th Grade: Pull-out small group enrichment, 30 minutes a day in literacy. Compacted Math Program, daily for 70 minutes.
- 5th Grade: Pull-out small group enrichment, 30 minutes a day in literacy. Compacted Math Program, daily for 70 minutes Monday-Friday.