



Gifted and Talented |  **POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Rice Elementary School



At Rice, we encourage all students to SOAR in leadership skills and academic growth mindset. We challenge our students through classroom differentiation. Additionally, our gifted and talented teacher/coordinator collaborates with the classroom teachers to meet the academic and affective needs of students through small group instruction. We are proud of our raptors' perseverance, resilience and teamwork.



34
Average GT students

467
Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

At grades 4 and 5, we offer a compacted math pathway for students who qualify. Qualifying students would receive 4th and half of 5th grade math standards in fourth grade and the other half of 5th and all of 6th grade math standards in fifth grade. Students qualify based on a body of evidence.

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Overview of the GT program at this school



We currently have Rice students identified as gifted and talented in language arts, math, and creativity in grades 3-5. Other areas of identification are available and we use the Poudre School District identification process. Our school adapts to meet student needs in many ways including within the classroom, through small group instruction with gifted and talented teacher/coordinator and with the support of our school counselor, art, music, physical education, media and technology teachers.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



ALPS are written during September and October and the coordinator will contact parent with goals and objectives for each student during a conference format. Goals are sent to parents at the end of October.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students



Students are provided the opportunity to create projects and are given additional creativity and problem-solving opportunities through leadership, study skills and instruction. Students are provided Math Olympiads and Battle of Books as well as after school enrichment opportunities in a wide array of choices. Choir is offered weekly.

Affective programming for GT students



Social/emotional issues are discussed in grade level "book groups". Additionally, collaborative and team building projects are available in order to build problem-solving ability. Students participate in Creativity Cafe in grades 4-5 and Cheese and Crackers book club in grade 3.

Grade-specific GT services



Third: Math Olympiads Jr differentiation; cheese and crackers social-emotional book club; literature differentiation/enrichment; tier 1 instructional differentiation.

Fourth: Math Olympiads; Creativity Cafe, social-emotional group; literature enrichment; tier 1 instructional differentiation; compacted math.

Fifth: Math Olympiads; Creativity Cafe, social-emotional group; literature enrichment; tier 1 instructional differentiation; compacted math.