



# Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Shepardson STEM Elementary



Gifted programming at Shepardson is designed to meet the needs of students by providing depth, complexity, and content extensions as needed in their classroom or in small groups.

Our gifted and talented para-professional collaborates with the classroom teachers to meet both affective and academic needs, meeting with identified students in small groups during WIN (What I Need) blocks of time for Literacy and Math.

[Gifted & Talented \(GT\) Program | Shepardson STEM Elementary](#)



**40**

Average GT students

**400**

Total student enrollment



### Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

Identified students are pulled in small groups three to five times a week for math and/or literacy enrichment and affective programming, which is delivered by the GT paraprofessional. Additionally, teachers provide differentiated instruction to challenge and enrich student learning within the regular classroom environment.



### Gifted and Talented site coordinator

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### Overview of the GT program at this school



#### Shepardson's GT Program:

Our program currently serves students in third through fifth grade identified in the areas of language arts, math, and general intellectual ability.

### Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



The team that writes the goals for each student's Advanced Learning Plan consists of the GT Site Coordinator, classroom teacher, instructional para-professional parents/guardians, and the student. This team chooses a goal for reading and/or math, and an affective (social/emotional) goal that will both challenge students and build upon their strengths.

### Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



- Regularly scheduled small group GT meetings
- Spelling Bee
- Differentiated Instruction
- Math Olympiad
- Lego Robotics
- Science Fair
- Star Squad

*\* These are offered depending on school scheduling.*

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



After school opportunities at Shepardson vary from year to year and may include:

- Lego Robotics
- Stock Market Club
- Star Squad
- Coding Club

### Affective programming for GT students



The Gifted and Talented Program at Shepardson STEM Elementary recognizes the GT student's affective (social/emotional) characteristics and provides individual support through the Counseling Office, the GT Program, and through grade level teacher teams. The GT Program provides opportunities for students to discuss struggles and achievements in a safe environment with a trusted adult.

### Grade-specific GT services



- Grades 3-5: pull-out enrichment groups
- Grades K-5: classroom differentiation