



# Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Wellington Middle and High School

Wellington Middle-High School (WMHS), in conjunction with the Poudre School District Gifted and Talented program strives to nurture the development of exceptional abilities so that all gifted students demonstrate positive self-esteem, high-level thinking, and creative productivity. Gifted PSD students are identified by assessing their strength areas. Educational programming is implemented to match their identified needs. Student progress and achievement are monitored through on-going assessment. Wellington Middle-High is proudly a new school and as we work to establish programming, there will be some new changes. As we work to develop a program, we are hoping to operate on a project-based model where students can learn to advocate, problem-solve, brainstorm and create things in a way that prepares them for their time beyond their K-12 experience. We are beyond excited to tailor this program to students' needs and are looking forward to working with your students.

<https://wel.psdschools.org/counseling/gifted-talented>



**127**

GT students

**1051**

Total student enrollment

### Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

Grade level acceleration is available for math. Other options and opportunities are available. Please contact Marissa Herzog with questions regarding individualized concerns.





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**Overview of the GT program at this school**



**WMHS's GT Program:**

- Provides advanced learning experiences with appropriately higher learning standards.
- Provides social and emotional guidance.
- Acknowledges strengths and interests and helps the student build on them to branch out in an interdisciplinary approach.
- Guides the student in selecting enrichment, elective, and extra-curricular opportunities.
- Wellington Middle-High 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**



Students will select a project to work on throughout the year. Students can choose from a variety of options not limited to career mentorship, career/college exploration, independent inquiry, etc. Students will work with parents, teachers, and GT Staff to complete this enrichment project independently. Please contact Marissa Herzog for access to the Goal ALP Packet for the current year.

**Programming opportunities for GT students**



- Grouping patterns (flexible, cluster and ability).
- Appropriate pacing through acceleration and curriculum compacting and differentiated curriculum, instruction and assessment.
- Enrichment Projects
- Field Trips

**Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school**



For more information regarding some course descriptions, please visit our Academics Tab at WMHS's website at: [wel.psdschools.org](http://wel.psdschools.org)

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| ● Quarterly GT Meetings  | ● Choir Electives  | ● Book Club Enrichment               |
| ● Field Trips (ex: Lincoln Center, Noosa, UW Engineering Lab; Denver Art Museum) | ● Differentiated Instruction in Art  | ● Current World Affairs Enrichment   |
| ● Science Olympiad   | ● Exploring Engineering; Exploring Chemistry; Exploring Robotics; Exploring Technology | ● Creative Writing/Poetry Enrichment |
| ● Enrichment   | ● Technology Electives/Enrichments (computers, 3d design; 21st century media; gaming)  | ● WEB Leaders                        |
| ● Band/Orchestra   |  | ● Advanced Spanish classes           |
| ● Jazz   |  |                                      |

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

### Affective programming for GT students



To meet our affective goal of the ALP, we engage our gifted learners at each grade level in a school-wide book study. Topics include: Embracing Failure, Coping with Stress, and Understanding Giftedness.

### Grade-specific GT services



Grade level GT discussions including grade level book studies. For specifics on athletics and enrichment (clubs and classes), please contact Marissa Herzog as offerings change yearly. 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in any of the offerings described above based on availability and placement criteria.