



Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dunn Elementary School



Dunn's Gifted and Talented Program acknowledges the advanced student's personal, social, and academic needs. It supports growth and achievement with differentiated learning in the International Baccalaureate classroom curriculum, with extracurricular opportunities and community-based experiences. Dunn's GT coordinator and staff provide a responsive climate and relevant learning experiences that foster intellectual curiosity and critical and creative thinking for high student achievement. We provide opportunities for exploration in areas of personal interest. Dunn's GT Program is designed to teach students how to recognize and use their potential to be catalysts for positive change in our local and global communities and to become successful, self-directed learners.

<https://dun.psdschools.org/>



34

Average GT students

394

Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

Identified students in both math and reading in grades third through fifth are given instructional support through philanthropic lessons provided through Project Heart and OtterCares. The lessons will help students maximize their potential through inquiry and emphasize student agency. Students will learn to use their talents to be global-minded agents of change in our school and communities. We strive to support student's diverse social-emotional needs through targeted lessons to give them the skills and tools they need to thrive at Dunn Elementary School and in our ever-changing world. With the incorporation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP), students will be prepared to take advantage of acceleration opportunities in the future. Classroom teachers are experts in their grades and provide students with differentiated opportunities in their core content areas to push students to achieve high academic success.



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Overview of the GT program at this school



Dunn's GT Program:

- Provides students the opportunity to apply their learning to real-world problems.
- Provides social and emotional guidance.
- Acknowledges strengths and interests and helps the student build on them to branch out in an interdisciplinary approach.
- Students will apply their knowledge from the IB PYP Planners.
- Guides the students in collaborative work with like-minded peers.
- Encourages empathy, generosity, and compassion.
- Increases International Mindedness.
- Dunn's Elementary School's Gifted and Talented program believes in the importance of building all students' academic and social/emotional needs through various enrichment experiences in and out of the classroom.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



Dunn follows the state and district requirements for creating Advanced Learning Plans (ALP). Please follow this link to learn about our ALP process for 2023-2024.
<https://www.psdschools.org/academics/gifted-and-talented/advanced-learning-plans>

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



For more information, visit Dunn's website at dun.psdschools.org

- Enrichment groups meet two days a week for thirty minutes
- Student Ambassadors
- Differentiated instructions in homerooms
- Focus on the IB Learner Profile
- Student Council

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school



- Lego Robotics
- Fleet Feet (Running Club)
- Art Club
- Yoga
- Japanese Club
- Odyssey of the Mind
- French Club
- Battle of the Books
- Japanese Club
- STEM Club
- Chess Club
- Mighty Math Minds

Affective programming for GT students



The Gifted and Talented Program at Dunn Elementary School recognizes the GT student's affective characteristics. It provides individual support through the Counseling Office, the GT Program, and grade-level teacher teams. The GT Program provides opportunities for students to discuss struggles and achievements in a safe environment with a trusted adult and other GT students with similar needs. Every student will also have an affective goal in their ALP.

Grade-specific GT services



Third through fifth-grade identified students are all offered the same services. If a fifth-grade student needs assistance choosing a middle school, the GT Coordinator will provide resources to help them and their families make an informed decision.