



Gifted and Talented



POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fort Collins High School



The Gifted and Talented Program at Fort Collins High School includes a research and standards-based four-year program. The honors program offers opportunities for challenges, creativity, and authentic learning in areas of intellectual passion as chosen and driven by the individual student. Our program engages students in peer discussions related to current trends in our world, social justice issues, and challenges students to reflect on their own personal development and goals. Students have the opportunity to earn AP college credit, an AP Capstone Diploma and/or a GT Honors Academy Endorsed Diploma.

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294

GT students

1818

Total student enrollment



Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

The Lambkin GT/Honors Academy provides students with opportunities for a high level of academic engagement each year throughout their high school experience. In this cohort model, students build strong peer connections while our teachers incorporate higher level, critical thinking skills – making inferences, comparative reasoning, and evaluative reasoning through rich discussions in classes.



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Overview of the GT program at this school



- ◆ Provide advanced learning experiences, including appropriate higher learning standards
- ◆ Opportunities to identify strengths and interests to support career and college readiness.
- ◆ Create safe, inclusive learning environments, through a cohort education model that promotes student connection and well-being.
- ◆ Promote and engage students in collegiate learning opportunities, including earning tuition-free college credits.
- ◆ Students engage in group and independent research activities to develop a deeper understanding of topics and gain leadership skills.
- ◆ Programming options allow for student choice when developing end products.
- ◆ Parental input through the Parent Advisory Board that meets bi-annually.
- ◆ Utilize research-based Social Emotional Learning curriculum to support our GT students.

Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



We incorporate the Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) into each student's Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP). We utilize Xello to house these plans. Students will set short-term, long-term, and effective goals each year. ALPs are integrated into the curriculum of our GT Honors Academy and student discussion provides a space for exploration and feedback.

Enrichment opportunities for GT students during school



We offer exemplary programming for students with diverse interests that include the arts, music, theater, engineering, business, computer science, leadership, and family consumer science. We have a variety of Advanced Placement courses and Concurrent Enrollment opportunities throughout the high school experience. Highlights include: AP Seminar, AP Research, AP Language and Composition, AP Art Studio, Art Appreciation, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Concert and Symphony Orchestra, Acting, Journalism, Television Production (Klyd TV), Peer Counseling, Manufacturing, Construction, Robotics, AP Computer Science, Catering, World Languages (Spanish, French, German), AP Chemistry, AP Psychology, AP Statistics, Calculus III, AP US Government, School Newspaper /Spilled Ink, and many more.

** These are offered depending on school/student schedule.*

Enrichment opportunities for GT students before or after school



There are many opportunities for gifted students to access enrichment through a variety of student activities, clubs, and extra-curricular activities. For a complete list please visit, <https://fch.psdschools.org/activities> and <https://fch.psdschools.org/athletics>.

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| ◆ Speech and Debate Team | ◆ Model UN |
| ◆ Amnesty International | ◆ Mock Trial |
| ◆ Student Council | ◆ Student Literary Magazine (Remington Street Review) |
| ◆ DECA / FBLA | ◆ Science Olympiad |
| ◆ E-sports | ◆ Bike Club |
| ◆ Key Club | ◆ Mathematics Honor Society |
| ◆ National Honor Society | ◆ Knowledge Bowl |
| ◆ Link Crew | ◆ Tower Theatre |
| ◆ Latin American Student Alliance (LASA) | ◆ Unified Pals |
| ◆ Drones Flyer Club | |

Affective programming for GT students



FCHS delivers cohort-structured, focused programming including specific curriculum addressing the social-emotional development and needs of GT students.

Grade-specific GT services



The Honors/GT Academy at Fort Collins High School provides students with a self-directed, instructor led learning opportunity throughout their high school experience. Our program uses a cohort model to create a community where teachers and students gain insight into themselves within a safe learning environment:

- ◆ **9th Grade:** To support a proactive, positive transition for our GT-identified first-year students, we group them into GT-specific Lambkin Way class. In this class they have the opportunity to interact with like-minded peers who have similar passions and interests. Students are provided with guidance on career and education opportunities, time management, organization, executive functioning, and stress management strategies.
- ◆ **10th Grade:** During their second year, students may elect to enroll in the GT Enrichment Seminar class where they will focus on leadership skills, college readiness, and a collaborative skill-based service-learning project in an area of interest and impact.
- ◆ **11th Grade & 12th Grade:** Junior and Senior year GT students may enroll in the Junior AP Seminar class and the Senior AP Research class. AP Seminar is a discussion oriented seminar featuring the intellectual and scholarly examination of significant ideas from varying disciplines pertinent to the human story. In AP Research Senior students will research, produce, and present an original research paper. AP Seminar students may obtain 10 language arts credits upon successful completion of the seminar class. The AP Seminar class is a prerequisite and required before taking the AP Research class. More detailed information regarding AP Seminar and AP Research may be found on the GT webpage under the AP Capstone Program link.
- ◆ **Gifted and Talented Honors Academy Endorsement:** Upon successful completion of the GT Honors Academy the student will receive an official endorsement on their diploma and GT honor cords for graduation.

