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School's Gifted & Talented Website	http://fch.psdschools.org/student-services/academic-guidance/gifted-talented
Overview of Gifted Program	<p>At FCHS there is a change in focus towards our population of GT identified students. Historically, this population of students has had few specific programs, trained professionals supporting them and limited funding. We now offer programs specific to meet the needs of this population. Through our extensive AP program at FCHS students have a wide range of advanced placement choices and the opportunity to earn an AP endorsement with their diploma. FCHS had 94 students named as AP Scholars in 2011. This year kicked off the new cutting edge BioScience Academy with offerings in Biotechnology, Forensic Science and Biomedical fields which includes a summer internship in the chosen field of study and a BCA endorsed diploma. Collins offers select seats into a pre-engineering program -VLSI – which also offers an internship opportunity. Concurrent enrollment opportunities are available for college level credit as well as advanced math through Calculus 3- which is now receiving weighted credit, Introduction to Computer Science and AP Computer Science. Seminar classes will be offered specifically for GT students with student selected topics and Career Post-Secondary Readiness planning along with community professionals sharing their expertise and talents in passion areas. Independent Study opportunities will also be available.</p>
Gifted & Talented Site Coordinator	<p>Cindy Benger – MA Gifted and Talented MA – School Counselor NCC - GT Counselor Michelle Reffner – MA Gifted and Talented – Educator – Curriculum Facilitator</p>
Structure (Grouping of Gifted Learners)	<p>In our efforts to support a positive transition for our GT identified 9th grade students they will be cluster grouped in their Lambkin Way Seminar classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Interact with like-minded peers who have similar passion interest areas  Guest speakers, field trips and mentorships  Discussion opportunities to address topics relevant to GT students led by trained professionals in gifted ed.  Support for social/emotional development /organizational skill development and stress management
Enrichment Opportunities for gifted learners during school	FCHS offers exemplar programs for students with interest in the arts, dance, theater and musical performances such as our AP Art Studio and Independent Study courses, Pep Band, Select Stage Band, Jazz Band, Tower Orchestra, Concert and Symphony

	Orchestra, advanced acting classes, and Clyde TV productions.
Enrichment Opportunities for gifted learners after school	There are many opportunities for gifted students to access enrichment at FCHS through clubs: Creative Writing, DECA, FBLA, French Club, German Club, History Club, Knowledge Bowl, National Forensic League, Lambkin Mathematicians, Math Olympiad, Mock Trial Team, National Forensic League, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, National Oceans Science Bowl, Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, Art Service Group, Black Box and Tower Theater productions, etc...
Social/Emotional programming	<p>We are the only high school that has a counselor with a Master's in Gifted Education and in Counseling to directly address the needs specific to this population. Open lunch discussion groups will meet to support social-emotional needs. A GT Service Learning group will be established with community projects we will support during the common lunch periods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ True Colors – Understanding ourselves and others / Self-growth ✚ SENG Parent Discussion group – offered in the evening ✚ GT Service Learning Group – common lunch ✚ 9th GT Open Discussion group
Content Extensions	<p>At FCHS there is a myriad of opportunities for students to extend their learning in areas of passion and interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Leadership in Business – DECA/FBLA/NTHS ✚ Black Box and Tower Theater productions ✚ Tower Orchestra – Musical ensembles ✚ National Honors Society ✚ Independent Study Options ✚ AP Art Studio etc.....
Differentiation for gifted in the regular classroom	Teachers incorporate higher level thinking skills – making inferences, comparative reasoning, and evaluative reasoning through rich discussions in class. Options are provided in classes which allow for student choice when developing an end product. Students are eligible to enroll in more than one math course at a time to accommodate pace. Staff development will be offered through book study and online options to provide education for educators as well.
Acceleration Opportunities	Students at FCHS may test into advanced English and Math courses. Students are also eligible to register for more than one math course at the same time and multiple science classes. FCHS offers AP Computer Science and Intro to Computer Science.