



# Canyon Springs Gifted Services

## 2014-2015 Overview of Services

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	Gifted Services Provided
Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bright Child Gifted Prekindergarten</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gifted Cluster Placement</li> <li>Gifted Full Day Kindergarten* <i>*Beginning in 2015-2016</i></li> </ul>
Grades 1, 2, & 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gifted Cluster Placement</li> <li>Flexible Ability Grouping &amp; Differentiation</li> <li>SAGE Enrichment (Grades 1 &amp; 2)</li> <li>Advanced Math Placement (Grade 3)</li> <li>SAGE English Language Arts (Grade 3)</li> <li>Gifted Renaissance Academy</li> </ul>
Grades 4, 5, & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Departmentalized Middle School Style Schedule with               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gifted Cluster Placement</li> <li>Advanced Math Placement</li> <li>SAGE English Language Arts</li> </ul> </li> <li>Gifted Renaissance Academy* <i>(Expanding to 5<sup>th</sup> grade in 2014-2015 and 6<sup>th</sup> grade in 2015-2016)</i></li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced content classes in all core subject areas</li> <li>High School Algebra (Credit transferable to any high school)</li> <li>Gifted Renaissance Academy* <i>(Expanding to 7<sup>th</sup> grade in 2016-2017 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2017-2018)</i></li> </ul>

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### Gifted Placement -

**Gifted Testing and Scores:** Students are assessed in three areas (Verbal, Quantitative, & Nonverbal) using the CogAT assessment. Canyon Springs (CS) offers gifted services for students who score at or above 90% in one or more areas. Placement testing is conducted three times a year based on teacher and parent recommendation. Students may also qualify based on other state approved gifted identification assessments. Students may only be tested once per calendar year.

### Gifted Programs -

**Gifted Cluster:** All gifted students (those scoring at or above 90% in one or more areas) are clustered together with a gifted trained teacher for the majority of the school day.

**SAGE Enrichment:** All gifted identified students in grades 1&2 are pulled each week for enrichment projects and lessons with the SAGE teacher. The focus will be on Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Reading, and Creativity!

**SAGE ELA:** Reading content replacement/pull-out program for students who score at or above 95% on the Verbal Area of the CogAT assessment. This course is taught by the SAGE teacher and utilizes the gifted curriculum from the College of William & Mary. It incorporates many novels, Socratic discussions, and projects that encourage creativity as well as the integration of technology.

**Advanced Math Placement:** Students in grades 3-6 who test above grade level on school placement exams (showing mastery of 80% of a grade level's concepts for math) are clustered together and placed in the above grade level's gifted cluster math class. The gifted cluster and SAGE teachers work together to provide services for students in these classes.

**Renaissance Academy:** DVUSD's Highly Gifted Program. Students must score 97+ in 2 of the 3 areas tested with 90 or above in the 3<sup>rd</sup> area on the CogAT assessment. Students also must pass the application process. All students in this program are in a full day, gifted classroom with a highly qualified, gifted endorsed teacher. Renaissance is offered in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in the 2014-2015 school year, and will expand to upper grade levels over the next few years.

**Preschool and Kindergarten Programs:** Please see separate flyers for program information and qualifications.

### In the Classrooms -

**Departmentalization:** Teachers teach a narrow range of subjects and the students rotate between the classrooms. This allows teachers to specialize and focus on a few subjects and the students to become familiar with different teaching styles and expectations.

**Differentiation:** The teacher, after getting to know his/her students, groups them for activities based on each individual student's academic needs and/or areas of interest. A tiered/differentiated lesson has all students focusing on the same required concept or skill but the students are working (usually in groups) on different levels and applications of the skill or concept based on their learning needs.

**Flexible/Ability Grouping:** The process of continually assessing students and grouping them according to their academic needs. At Canyon Springs, reading is grouped among individual grade level teachers in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. Math is grouped among individual grade levels in grades 1 & 2, and between grade levels in grades 3 and above. (See Advanced Math Placement)

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