



Gifted Services Dublin City Schools



We Grow Thinkers: an overview of Dublin City Schools gifted education

K-3: All students will be served through whole grade enrichment with a focus on developing the thinking skills of all learners. Differentiated instructional strategies will also be incorporated into the regular classroom setting on a routine basis.

4th and 5th grade pullout service for cognitively gifted students:

Cognitively gifted students will participate in this class facilitated by the Gifted Intervention Specialist two-five days a week with their cognitively gifted peers to further develop their life long learning skills with an emphasis on the following: Habits of Mind, 21st Century Thinking Skills, and Problem-Based Learning. These students will also be cluster grouped within their regular classroom setting to support their needs as cognitively gifted learners.

Accelerated Math for grade 5 students: Students who meet the multiple criteria measures for placement into this accelerated 5th grade math experience will learn 6th grade mathematics curriculum while extending and enriching the 5th grade mathematics content.

Accelerated 7/8 Math: Students who meet the multiple criteria measures for placement into this accelerated 7th grade math experience will learn both 7th and 8th grade math in one year at a rigorous pace.

High School 9th - 12th grades: Honors, Advanced Placement, Academic Academies, and International Baccalaureate classes are available along with additional educational options such as credit flex and college credit plus are options for all Dublin students.

Subject Acceleration: This option allows qualified students the opportunity to move ahead one or more grade levels in a particular subject area.

Whole Grade acceleration: This option allows a qualified student who shows social maturity to move ahead one entire grade level. Dublin City Schools follows guidelines through the Ohio Department of Education with the use of the Iowa Acceleration Scale for evaluation.

Early Entrance to KG/1st grade: This option allows qualified students the opportunity to enter either Kindergarten or 1st grade earlier than their age equivalent peers. The student must meet the criteria established by the Ohio Department of Education and the Iowa Acceleration Scale.

DCS by the numbers:

13.5%

Percent of our K-12 population identified as cognitively gifted

15.6%

Number of students identified as gifted in reading

24%

Number of students identified as gifted in mathematics

Services for 4th and 5th grade students who are cognitively gifted



Students who have a gifted identification in this area are cluster grouped within their regular classroom and participate in a pullout class led by the Gifted Intervention Specialist (GIS). Each of our twelve elementary schools has a GIS assigned to work with these cognitively gifted students. The focus of the 4th and 5th grade gifted service is developing student's Habits of Mind, 21st Century Skills, and engagement in Problem-Based Learning. The GIS will be supporting these learners with an emphasis on critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, and challenge.

A Culture of Enrichment for all elementary students

We grow thinkers by immersing all students in a school-wide culture committed to the development of thinking skills through thoughtful engagement with big ideas and complex problems. Through explicit support from a collaborative instructional team, students blossom into thinkers who are able to independently apply thinking habits in complex and creative ways. All staff members work with students to embrace questioning, collaboration, creativity, innovation, perseverance, flexible thinking, and communicating with confidence.



What are people saying about Dublin City Schools Gifted Services?

"We just love coming in here to the cognitive gifted pullout class because we feel like we can be ourselves, and that's OK!"

-DCS Student



"I like meeting with this class each day...it feels good to be together everyday during this time instead of just one day a week."

-DCS Student

"Dublin City Schools' new gifted service model is comprehensive, detailed, and innovative. I am extremely excited for the gifted students in your district."

-Stephanie DeBevoise
2014-2015 President of Gifted Coordinators of Central Ohio (GCCO)
Gifted Coordinator at Newark City Schools

"Wow! At a time when creativity in both learning and society is at risk, Dublin is again taking a lead. The new Enrichment website supports the district's vision to 'grow thinkers' as it models the importance of reflection, collaboration, and creative assessment-further contributing to a culture of innovative educators and learners."

-Cindy Foley, Director of Learning, Columbus Museum of Art

"Thank you SO much for the presentation last night on the changes to the Gifted Services.... We feel much reassured with the way the Advanced Math and Cognitive Pull Out classes are set up this year and that the kids will be challenged, and yet balanced with their regular classrooms."

-DCS Parent

To learn more about how we grow thinkers, please visit our website and click on the "enrichment" tab:

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