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GIFTED &
TALENTED
PROGRAM

WHAT IS GIFTED?

Gifted children means those persons between the ages of four and twenty-one whose aptitude or competence in abilities, talents, and potential for accomplishment in one or more domains are so exceptional or developmentally advanced that they require special provisions to meet their educational programming needs. Gifted and talented children are hereafter referred to as gifted students. Children under five who are gifted may also be provided with early childhood special educational services. Gifted students include gifted students with disabilities (i.e., twice- exceptional) and students with exceptional abilities or potential from all socio-economic, ethnic, cultural populations. Gifted students are capable of high performance, exceptional production, or exceptional learning behavior by virtue of any or a combination of these areas of giftedness: general or specific intellectual ability, specific academic aptitude, creative or productive thinking, leadership abilities, visual arts, performing arts, musical or psychomotor abilities.

HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENTS?

Our district follows state guidelines for identification (a link to these can be found on our school website). Students can be nominated for Gifted & Talented (GT) by parents, peers, teachers, and coaches. Once a student is nominated, the GT coordinator begins compiling bodies of evidence to support this nomination. Students who are nominated will be put in our Talent Pool.

Students who are part of the Talent Pool will be put on an individual learning plan created by the GT coordinator, teachers, student, and parents. The goal of this plan is to continue to push students to excel in their strengths. Students who are part of the Talent Pool have not yet been identified.

OUR MISSION: THE SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE THE FORMAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION THAT CAPITALIZES ON THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHENEVER AND WHEREVER PRESENT, AND SUPPORTS INFORMED AND PRODUCTIVE STUDENT LIFE CHOICES.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER MY STUDENT IS IDENTIFIED?

Students who have been identified as gifted will then be put on an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP). This plan will be created by the GT coordinator with the input of the student, teachers, and parents - with a goal of challenging the student based off of their interests. Every student will have a plan that meets their individual needs - however, there will be time for collaboration with other students who have been identified.

A student who has been identified remains in the program for the rest of their school career. Parents have the right to refuse the program.

WHAT IS THE TALENT POOL?

The Talent Pool is for students who do not yet have enough bodies of evidence to identify them as GT, but are still advanced. Each district has their own criteria for students who are eligible for the talent pool. Our district considers students who are scoring in the 80th percentile or higher on standardized tests, have been nominated by a teacher, coach, parent, or self-nomination, or have scored in the 80th percentile or higher on the CogAt test.

Students who are in the Talent Pool will receive programming from the GT coordinator. Students will be put on ILPs or intervention plan to accelerate & challenge the student based off their strengths. Students will remain on the Talent Pool for 2 years before they are reevaluated.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Please visit our Gifted & Talented section on our school website for our policies or contact the Gifted & Talented coordinator.

Contact info is on the back of this brochure.