

Middle School Gifted and Talent Pool Parent Night

September 6, 2017

Gifted and Talent Pool

- Gifted—3 qualifying pieces of evidence at 95th percentile or advanced/exceptional level
- Talent Pool—1 or 2 qualifying pieces of evidence
- Talent Pool students receive the same programming as gifted students in the content areas while more data is collected or it is determined that such programming is not meeting the students' needs.
- Students can be identified gifted in one area and in the Talent Pool for another area.
- A talent development model is used in the areas of Music, Visual Arts, Drama, Creativity, Leadership and Dance. Students are referred to this Talent Pool by the fifth grade for access to related talent classes at the middle school. Identification occurs formally in grade 8.
- Parents may refer their child for gifted identification by filling out the parent referral form that can be found on our website and returning it to the school's gifted education liaison.

Programming

- Differentiation in their classrooms using Depth & Complexity Framework
- Math students are accelerated
- Advisory
 - Advanced Learning Plans—College in Colorado—ICAP Individual Career and Academic Plan
 - Intellectual peer interaction
 - Time to address issues related to gifted such as scheduling especially related to those 8th graders going to high school for classes, self-advocacy, time management, etc.
 - Level Up Village Global STEAM <http://www.levelupvillage.com/>
- Regional Events
 - Grade 6: October 6- 1 p.m. Limon and Feb. 9- 1 p.m. Sterling
 - Grades 7-8: May 29-31 (tentative dates, place to be determined)
- Western Academic Talent Search <https://www.centerforbrightkids.org/>

Colorado Gifted Education Review March 5-6, 2018

- Surveys will open November 1-15, 2017 for parents, teachers, students and administrators.
- Collaborative Council will meet November 20, 2017 to analyze data for growth and program elements still in need of improvement with additional meetings to be determined by the council.
- Based on desk audit, the review team may ask to conduct focus groups with stakeholder groups on March 5, 2018.

Elizabeth School District Gifted Education Website <https://www.elizabethschooldistrict.org/Page/999>

Or go to the district website. Click on departments—Special Services—Gifted Education