

Definition of Gifted

"Gifted and Talented children" are defined as those children identified at the preschool, elementary and secondary level as having demonstrated potential abilities of high performance and needing differentiated or accelerated education or services. For the purpose of this definition, "demonstrated abilities of high performance capability" refers to those identified students who score in the top three percent (3%) on any nationally standardized test of intellectual ability. Said definition may also include students who excel in one or more of the following areas:

- Specific academic ability
- Visual performing arts ability – secondary level
- Leadership ability – secondary level

Identification Information

In the Yukon Gifted and Talented program, we strive to meet the needs of all gifted and talented students. This begins with proper identification guided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education's definition of a gifted and talented child (Reference: Title 70-1210-301)

Category 1

1. Top 3% – Having scored 97% or greater on a nationally recognized normed intellectual test ability

Category 2

2. Multi-Criteria (M/C) – Specific Academic Ability

Category 3

3. Multi-Criteria (M/C) – Visual Performing Arts Ability
4. Multi-Criteria (M/C) – Leadership Ability

Gifted and Talented Program

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Yukon Public Schools

Gifted & Talented Programs



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Leadership

Fine Arts

Creativity

Ability

Yukon Public Schools

Yukon Public Schools is committed to providing opportunities that support the full development of the intellectual, academic, creative, leadership, and visual arts/performing arts abilities of our students. We are committed to offering programming options that support a differentiated learning environment for students who have been identified as gifted and talented according



the guidelines set forth by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Objectives

Yukon Public Schools objectives for all of our students in developing skills for lifelong learning include:

- Develop high-level thinking skills, creative thinking skills, problem-solving skills and decision-making skills.
- Strengthen communication skills.
- Promote self-esteem, self-direction, leadership skills and group dynamics.
- Provide an environment conducive to the development of autonomous learning.
- Develop an appreciation and understanding of different cultures, environment, values, thoughts and philosophies.

Elementary

Services are provided for gifted students at each elementary through small group instruction or pull-out enrichment groups. The identified gifted students in grades three through five meet with a gifted and talented teacher one session per week. Pre-K through second grade students are serviced through small-group instruction per site. Students in the program receive an enriched curriculum experience through differentiated instruction based from current academic standards.

Middle School

Services are provided for gifted students at the middle school through elective courses designed to enrich and differentiate instruction. The identified gifted students may choose from semester or year-long courses in gifted or fine arts. Pre-AP courses are offered for 7th and 8th grades. Certain high school courses are offered for credit as well.

High School

Services are provided for gifted students at the high school through courses designed to enrich and differentiate instruction. The identified gifted students may choose from semester or year-long courses in Pre-AP, Advanced Placement, honors or fine arts, and leadership opportunities. Additional resources and support are provided by their assigned counselor.

Delivery Systems for the Gifted and Talented Programs

Services are provided for Gifted and Talented students within three weeks of the beginning of the school term or in a timely manner after identification during the school year. Programming occurs at each school through site-developed programs. Gifted and Talented education is ongoing and part of the total school schedule, and in alignment with the Yukon Public schools Gifted Program plan. The program addresses options in the following areas:

- Appropriate Flexible Pacing
- Enrichment
- Academic/Social Support

Seasonal Enrichment

Yukon Public Schools' Gifted and Talented Program encourages participation in enrichment activities and competitions including the following:

- Academic Team Competition – 6th through 12th grades
- Engineering Fair – 7th and 8th grades
- Gifted & Talented Showcase – dates determined by site gifted specialists
- Various Math and Writing contests/competitions