

Overview & Philosophy

The Warwick School District provides a differentiated curriculum to gifted students in grades K-12. The gifted program presents diverse, high-quality opportunities for these students and recognizes the benefit of interaction with their intellectual peers.

The Warwick School District provides an education for gifted students which enables them to participate in acceleration and/or enrichment programs and to receive services according to their intellectual and academic abilities and needs.

The mission of the district's gifted support program is to provide a learning environment which encourages initiative, research, problem-solving and creativity so that students will gain a sense of personal responsibility to self, school, and a changing society.

Screening & Evaluation Procedures

Any child thought to be gifted is screened based on a two-tier evaluation process. **Parents and teachers may contact their building principal, school counselor, learning facilitator, or the Supervisor of Special Education for additional information.**

The Warwick School District follows the state definition for Mentally Gifted

Mentally Gifted: *Outstanding intellectual and creative ability, the development of which requires special services and programs not ordinarily provided in the regular education program. This term includes a person who has an IQ of 130 or higher and when multiple criteria as set forth in the Department Guidelines indicate gifted ability. Determination of gifted ability will not be based on IQ score alone. A person with an IQ score lower than 130 may be admitted to the gifted program when other educational criteria in the profile of the person strongly indicate gifted ability. Determination of mentally gifted shall include a full assessment and comprehensive report by a public school psychologist specifying the nature and degree of ability.*

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WARWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT SERVICES



Chapter 16

A GUIDE TO SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

Elementary Level

Program Description:

The goal of the elementary gifted services model is to meet the needs of identified gifted students by providing an appropriate education above and beyond the general education classroom. Warwick School District's Elementary Gifted Program is called LEAP, which stands for Learning Enrichment Activities Program. Providing a differentiated curriculum for gifted students in grades K-6, LEAP is a special needs option in all elementary schools within the district.

The four learning areas of the elementary gifted program are:

- **Research Skills** including: locating, organizing, utilizing, identifying, and presenting information.
- **Creative Thinking Skills** including: brainstorming, originality, fluency, flexibility, and elaboration.
- **Critical Thinking Skills** including: inductive and deductive reasoning, problem-solving and conducting investigations, and inquiries.
- **Social and Communication Skills** including: self-understanding, leadership, group interaction, and coping strategies.

Students may also participate in the school-wide enrichment model within the general education program. The goal of the school-wide enrichment model is to provide supports and services that encourage teams of students to create cross-curricular projects fundamentally tied to the Language Arts curriculum.

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Middle School Level

Program Description:

The primary goal of Warwick's middle school gifted programming is simply to "EXTEND" students' minds and motivate them to excel. In addition to developing students' cognitive processes, care is given to support the unique social and emotional needs that often accompany giftedness.

Identified gifted students may select to take the EXTEND class two or more periods per six day cycle in place of one or more enrichment classes. Students explore a variety of potential interest areas and develop creative, critical thinking and social skills. In 8th grade, students spend much of EXTEND class time pursuing a year-long project or two semester-long independent projects. These individualized, advanced projects provide an opportunity for students to delve into specialized areas of interest while learning research and organizational skills. Some students choose to incorporate job shadowing into their project plan and explore career interests for a day in a real work setting.

EXTEND Activities include:

- Knowledge Master Open (KMO) Competition
- Quiz Bowl Team
- Math Counts
- Challenges of the Week
- Thinking Journal
- LEGO Mindstorms
- National History Day Competition
- Future City Competition
- Stock Market Game

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High School Level

Program Description:

The Warwick High School Gifted Program "DIRECTIONS" allows for the unique diversity and range of talents that students have begun to develop by the high school level. Academically, there are challenges in all grade levels in all disciplines. Additionally, the DIRECTIONS program presents a number of enrichment and career exploration opportunities.

- Secondary Enrichment Experience (SEE), a series of one-day, hands-on enrichment activities exploring topics that range from archaeology and criminal investigation techniques to history studies, journalism, math and art connections, and the theatre.
- Lunch-time seminars on a variety of topics. Students hear speakers and explore options for now and post-high school.
- Career explorations through a mentorship program, learning one-on-one with experts in a field.
- Independent study options through the Advanced Seminar course.
- Study skills and organizational help if the need exists.
- Opportunities to connect with intellectual peers.

The DIRECTIONS program is designed to allow students the opportunity to explore all the "directions" in which they wish to go.

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