

Gifted Services

"A Rising Tide Lifts ALL Boats."

Dr. Aimee Sulit





What are Gifted Services?

"...there is, as yet, no universally agreed upon answer to this question [of what is 'giftedness'].

Giftedness, intelligence, and talent are fluid concepts and may look different in different contexts and cultures.

Even within schools you will find a range of personal beliefs about the word 'gifted', which has become a term with multiple meanings and much nuance."

State Definition

"Gifted education" means appropriate academic course offerings and services that are required to provide an educational program that is an **integral part of the regular school day** and that is **commensurate with the academic abilities and potential of a gifted pupil.**

ARS §15-779

"Gifted pupil" means a child who is of lawful school age, who due to superior intellect or advanced learning ability, or both, is not afforded an opportunity for otherwise attainable progress and development in regular classroom instruction and **who needs appropriate gifted education services, to achieve at levels commensurate with the child's intellect and ability.** ARS §15-779

"Students shall be served who score at or above the **97th percentile** on national norms in any one of three areas - **Verbal, Nonverbal, or Quantitative** reasoning - on any test from the State Board approved list. Students who score below the 97th percentile also may be served." Title 7/ Chapter 2 (R7-2-406)



Deer Valley Service Model

We offer a continuum of gifted education services to students. We place students scoring in the **95th percentile and up (*next year 94th percentile)** at all of our campuses.

Local Norming at our Title 1 sites is utilized to ensure students from diverse backgrounds are represented. While not recognized as gifted by the state definition these students require differentiated instruction based on their abilities. Students may qualify with scores at or above the **80th percentile at their Title 1 school.**



Does It Matter?

BRIGHT CHILDREN

Know the answer

Is interested

Has good ideas

Works hard

Answers the questions

Top of the group

Learns with ease

Understands ideas

6 – 8 Repetitions for mastery

Enjoys age-level peers

Grasps the meaning

Completes assignments

Is receptive

Copies accurately

Enjoys school

Enjoys straightforward, sequential learning

Is pleased with own learning

GIFTED CHILDREN

Asks the questions

Is highly curious

Has wild, silly ideas

Plays around, yet tests well

Discusses in detail, elaborates

Beyond the group

Already knows

Constructs abstractions

1 – 2 Repetitions for mastery

Prefers adults

Draws inferences

Initiates projects

Is intense

Creates a new design

Enjoys learning

Thrives on complexity

Is highly critical

Boredom Hides the Gifted Learner

A gifted child who is bored may exhibit any or all of these traits:

- has a poor attention span
- daydreams frequently
- has a tendency to begin many activities but to see few through to completion
- development of judgment lags behind intellectual growth level
- has an intensity that may lead to power struggles with authorities
- has a high activity level; may seem to need less sleep
- has difficulty restraining desire to talk; may be disruptive
- questions rules, customs, routines, and traditions
- loses work, forgets or doesn't do homework, is disorganized
- has apparent carelessness
- has high sensitivity to criticism

Critical Elements of Gifted Programming

- Flexible grouping
- Differentiation
- Continuous progress
- Intellectual peer interaction
- Continuity
- **Teachers with specialized education**



DVUSD Gifted Services

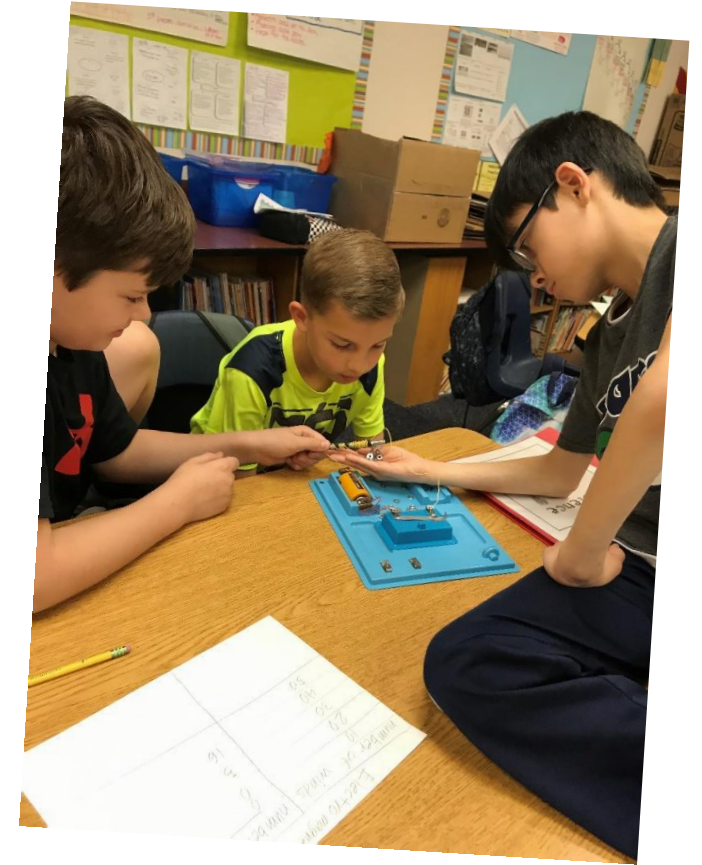
Gifted By the Numbers

- **5,000+** Gifted students receiving services
- **41** Schools with Gifted Programming
- **20+** Unique Gifted High School Courses
- **3** Highly Gifted Renaissance Programs
- **1** NEW Highly Gifted Renaissance Program at Hillcrest Middle School (2023-24)
- **3** Bright Beginnings Kindergarten Programs
- **1** Gifted Pre-K Academy

Continuum of Gifted Services

(K-6/ K-8)

- Schoolwide Gifted Cluster Model
- Gifted Pre-K Academy
- Bright Beginnings
- SPARK Enrichment
- SAGE Content Replacement (ELA/ Math)
- Gifted Cohort
- Walk-Up Math
- Renaissance Highly Gifted Academies



Continuum of Gifted Services

(7-12)

- Advanced Academics
- Gifted Cluster Honors
- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate –
Middle Years Programme
H.S. Diploma & Certificate
- Career and Technical Education
- Dual Enrollment



Parent Resources








Gifted Services Website

- Parent Information & Resources
- DVUSD Gifted Parent Portal
- Gifted Parent Seminars
(click [HERE](#))
- INSPIRE Gifted Newsletter
(click [HERE](#))
- **Gifted Services Department**

623-445-5588

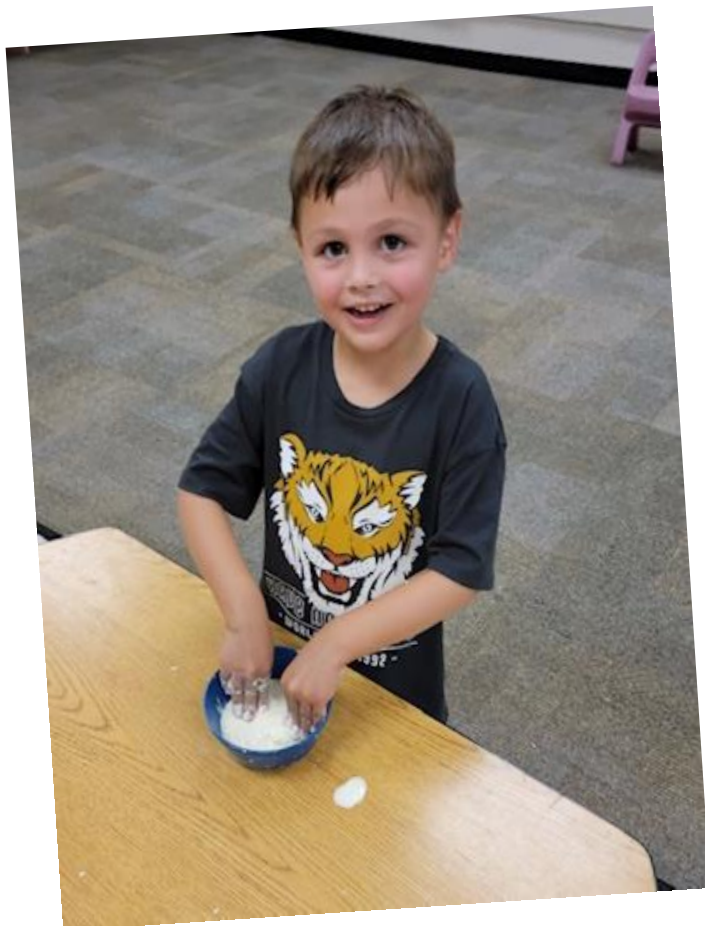
Giftedservices@dvusd.org

DVUSD Gifted Parent Portal

| DVUSD Gifted Services | Communication | Support for Parents | Reading | Math | Enrichment | Social and Emotional Learning |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Aimee Sulit Gifted Manager | Gifted Services Website | National Association of Gifted Children | DVUSD ELA Resources (K-5) | DVUSD Math Resources by Grade | The Kids Should See This | SEL & the Gifted Child |
| Missy Colton Gifted Clerk (623) 445-5588 | INSPIRE! Gifted Newsletter | NAGC Parent Tip Sheets | DVUSD ELA Resources (6-12) | Eureka Math Support for Families | Mystery Doug | Gifted Learners Suffering from Stress |
| | Gifted Parent Seminars | Arizona Association of Gifted & Talented | Books for Gifted Students | Common Core Glossary | Family Financial Fun Nights | De-Escalating Emotions |
| | Gifted Scope and Sequence | Hoagies Gifted Education Page | Every Book List You Will Ever Need | Khan Academy | Steve Spangler Science | Anxiety and the Brain |
| | Talking With Your Child About Gifted | DVUSD Gifted Parent Community | Free Rice | Bedtime Math | Wide Open School | Perfectionism |

Gifted Program Highlights

Gifted Pre-K Academy



- Located at Las Brisas
- Enriched academic foundation Personalized approach to learning
- Creative Curriculum (Reading/ ELA)
- CAPIT Phonics
- Eureka Math/ Math Stations
- Hands-on Science Investigations
- Literacy Rich Environment
- Emphasis on whole-child instruction

Qualifications

- Score at the 88th percentile or higher on a state approved gifted assessment
- Age 4 by August 31, 2023

Bright Beginnings Kindergarten



- Located at Canyon Springs, Highland Lakes, Las Brisas
- Project and problem-based learning
- Critical and creative thinking
- Inquiry learning environment
- Flexible grouping

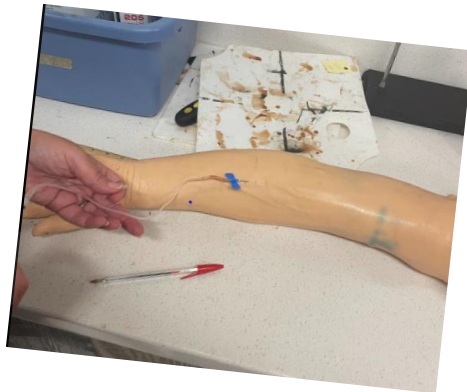
Qualifications

- Score at the 90th percentile or higher on a state approved gifted assessment
- Age 5 by August 31, 2023

NEW Hillcrest Renaissance Academy



- Middle school model with Core Teams – each including an ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science Teacher
- Global Studies emphasis
- Model UN
- Electives
 - Career Action Lab
 - STEM
- High School course offerings:
 - English 1 & 2
 - Algebra 1 & 2
 - Foreign Language 1 & 2; 3 & 4



Barry Goldwater IB Honors/ Gifted Cohort



- 9th and 10th grade
- Honors ELA, History, Science, and Foreign Language courses
- IB Diploma Programme (11th and 12th grade)
- Advanced Placement
- Dual Enrollment
- Honors Gifted Seminar
- Gifted Specialist/IB MYP Coordinator
- Gifted Counselor

Rising Tide

Diverse Assessments

- Culturally fair, state approved assessments (KABC-II NU, NGAT, NNAT)
- Updated testing for Gifted Pre-K Academy (KABC-II NU, NNAT)
- Future Kinder Gifted Testing (NNAT)
- 2nd Grade Universal, blanket gifted testing (NGAT)
- Fall, Spring, and Summer Testing (CogAT)



Gifted Educator & Parent Training

- Gifted Endorsement Cohort
(Teachers earn 180 hours of professional development credit in 2-3 years.)
- Gifted Department Professional Development
(Gifted curriculum development, Alignment between campuses and program models)
- Gifted Cluster Training
(Depth and Complexity, Habits of Mind)
- Gifted Parent Seminars
(Gifted program model, Gifted learner strategies, social and emotional learning)



Parent & Educator Communication

- Gifted Services Department Website
([Gifted Services Website](#))
- INSPIRE – Deer Valley's Online Gifted Newsletter
([INSPIRE](#))
- Gifted Parent Seminars
([Parent Trainings and Seminars](#))
- School-Based Presentations
- Deer Valley Gifted Community
([Deer Valley Gifted Community](#))





Dr. Aimee Sulit

Manager, Gifted & Advanced Academics

GiftedServices@dvusd.org