

Department Overview

Department Stats:

- 8 teachers across all buildings
- Average of 140 referrals per year
- 415 students currently in the program (2023-2024)

Process for Identifying Gifted Students:

1. Students enter the process through:

- Universal Screening of second graders
- Teacher referrals
- Parent referrals

2. Students referred move on to a multidisciplinary evaluation:

- Full battery of intelligence and achievement testing
- Parent/Teacher input
- Objective district qualification standards
- Results shared through Gifted Written Report

3. Students who qualify _____:

- are assigned a gifted case manager
- receive a Gifted Individualized Education Plan (GIEP)
- are offered Enrichment and/or acceleration in the areas of ELA, Math, and/or Science
 - Subject/grade level acceleration determined on case-by-case basis



Chapter 16 of the Pennsylvania state education guidelines mandates districts to identify academically gifted students and provide gifted services in the form of enrichment and/or acceleration based on student strengths.

<https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Gifted%20Education/Pages/default.aspx>

Frequently Asked Questions about Gifted Education can be found here:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Gifted%20Education/Pages/Gifted>



Gifted Services Webpage

<https://www.hempfieldsd.org/domain/261>

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Hempfield School District Gifted Program Summary

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Gifted in the Elementary Schools

Enrichment Service Delivery:

Pull-out enrichment services are offered during elementary intervention periods.

ELA Day

- Self-selected exploration of ELA topics and projects
- Affective lessons to deal with social and emotional learning topics (SEL) pertaining to gifted students

Math/Logic Day

- Exploratory topics tailored to students' strengths in the areas of math and problem solving beyond the general education curriculum

Science/SS Day

- Thematic units lasting one semester each:
- **Grade 1-** Mystery Powders and Zoo Simulation
- **Grade 2-** Environmental Studies and Flight
- **Grades 3/4-** World Geography/Mock Trial (year 1)
Engineering and Motion (year 2)
- **Grades 5/6**
- Archeology/Ancient Civ and Advertising/Technology (year 1)
Model UN/Architecture (year 2)

Gifted in the Middle Schools

Enrichment Service Delivery:

- Gifted Seminar Class
- Independent Goal Setting/Consultative Services

Gifted Seminar Curriculum:

Year 1:

- Unit 1- Understanding Giftedness
 - Definitions, characteristics, intelligence theory, multiple intelligences, career exploration
- Unit 2- Creative Problem Solving
 - Hands-on and verbal challenges, cooperative learning, team building

Year 2:

- Unit 1- Understanding Giftedness
 - Memory & Mnemonics, metacognition, executive function
- Unit 2- Authentic Projects
 - Problem identification, goal development, individual/group project

Independent Goal Setting/Consultative Services Curriculum:

- Quarterly meetings for goal setting/grade monitoring
- Career exploration
- Learning Profiles
- Course Selection Counseling

Differentiated Learning Experiences:

- District Sponsored Workshops
- Off-Campus Trips
- Virtual Conferences
- IU13 Sponsored Events

Gifted in the High School

Enrichment Service Delivery

- 100% student-centered independent goal setting/consultative service model
- Minimum of 3 meetings per year
- Developmental skills topics at each grade level
- Grade monitoring
- Development of post-secondary portfolio
- Mentoring through college choice, applications, essay writing, and scholarship research
- FLEX/Lunch options for studying, tutoring, and collaboration
- Mandatory freshman FLEX every other day

Differentiated Learning

Experiences:

- GiFTS (Gifted FLEX Time Seminar)
 - Recurrent topics
 - Based on student interest
- College Preparation
- On and Off-Campus opportunities for engagement
- Career interest field trips and workshops
- On-site seminars and virtual conferences
- Service opportunities