

Beechwood Independent Schools Gifted and Talented Student Support Services

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Primary Talent Pool

The Primary Talent Pool (PTP) is a group of students who possess demonstrated or potential ability to perform at exceptionally high levels in the primary years (Kindergarten – 3rd Grade). These students may be referred to as high-potential learners. The purpose of selecting students to participate in a Primary Talent Pool is to provide early enrichment for those students whose talents must be nurtured in order for those talents to fully develop. These students are not automatically identified as gifted once they reach the fourth grade. They must be formally identified by meeting certain criteria.

Opportunities for Students in the Primary Talent Pool

In collaboration with administration, teachers, and the Gifted and Talented Coordinator, a selection of enrichment opportunities from the list below are chosen for a student and become part of the student's school day.

- Acceleration
- Collaborative Teaching
- Consultation Services
- Differentiation Individual or Cluster Group
- Flexible Grouping
- Enrichment Services during the School Day
- Pull Out Setting
- Independent Study
- Special Counseling Services

Nominations for the Primary Talent Pool

Students who score at or above the 85th percentile on various screeners including STAR reading and math, Benchmark tests, Reading A-Z, the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test, etc. are automatically nominated for the program. Additionally, teachers, parents, and peers may nominate students for the Primary Talent Pool.

For questions or to nominate a student, please contact Trish Neace, GT Coordinator.

Gifted and Talented Program

According to 704 KAR 3:285. Programs for the gifted and talented, a gifted and/or talented child is defined as a student in grades four through twelve who is identified as possessing demonstrated or potential ability to perform at an exceptionally high level in one or more of the following areas:

- general intellectual ability
- specific academic aptitude
- creative or divergent thinking
- psychosocial or leadership ability
- visual or performing arts

Nominations

Students may be formally identified as Gifted or Talented (GT) in the fourth grade. Students who show evidence of giftedness any time during the school year or subsequent grade levels may also be considered. Screening for gifted and talented students includes all five categories of giftedness (general intellectual ability, specific academic aptitude, creative or divergent thinking, leadership, and the visual or performing arts). The Beechwood Independent Schools screen the entire school population on a continuous basis for likely candidates for services using both informal and available formal, normed, standardized measures, including measures of nonverbal ability, in all areas. Additionally, teachers, parents, and peers may nominate students for the Primary Talent Pool.

Opportunities for Students in the Gifted and Talented Program

- Acceleration
- Advanced Placement/Honors Courses
- Collaborative Teaching
- Consultation Services
- Differentiation Individual or Cluster Group
- Online Learning Courses
- Dual Credit Courses
- Enrichment Services during the School Day or Extracurricular
- Pull Out Setting
- Mentorships
- Seminars
- Independent Study
- Special Counseling Services
- Travel Study Options

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[Link to Beechwood Gifted and Talented Handbook.](#)