

Denver Public Schools Gifted and Talented Magnet and Advanced Kindergarten Programs Now Accepting Applications for the 2017-2018 school year

Kindergarten – 7th grade parents:

The Gifted and Talented Magnet Program was developed in 1985 for students in grades one through eight who may have several of these characteristics and extraordinary abilities, potential or academic needs. It is a full-day program in **magnet sites** that is designed for students who need the support and challenge provided by specifically trained teachers and by other students with advanced or unique abilities and academic needs.

Do you know a child who has any combination of these characteristics? Students needing services in a Gifted and Talented Magnet may:



- learn new material easily.
- move easily between multiple cultures or different environments.
- be able to read in their native language at least two grade levels above their current grade.
- show an ability to see connections between ideas.
- find numerous ways to approach issues or problems.
- demonstrate exceptional curiosity.
- interpret events or information in a creative or unusual way.
- hesitate or refuse to participate in activities in which they think they might fail.
- be self-critical even if they excel.
- have an advanced ability to translate thoughts and ideas to/ from a second language.
- feel isolated or different.
- display an unusual sensitivity.
- be highly creative and enjoy the unusual.
- have a highly developed sense of justice and injustice
- expect perfection in themselves and others
- question everything
- see connections between ideas or concepts that have not been “taught”.

DPS Gifted and Talented Magnets sites:

Carson
Edison
Morey MS

Teller
Gust
Polaris @ Ebert

Southmoor
Cory
Archuleta

How to Apply: Students in grades K, 2 and 6 will automatically be screened for the HGT program at their school. Qualifying or close to qualifying scores may lead to a request for more information about your child. If your child is in another grade, or if you wish to provide additional information for your K, 2nd or 6th grade student, you must apply centrally for consideration and testing for this program. Parents, teachers, or anyone who knows the student may nominate him/her and students may nominate themselves.

Advanced Kindergarten Program

Preschool Parents: Do you have a child who will enter Kindergarten in Fall 2017, and who you believe would benefit from a program designed to move faster/go more in-depth with the DPS curriculum? Students who exhibit some or all of the following traits may be best served in a DPS Advanced Kindergarten program. Traits may include:

- Curious
- Fast Learner
- Strong Memory
- Extensive Vocabulary
- Socially Advanced
- Longer Attention Span
- Able to use learning in new context
- Facility with numbers and/or words
- Able to solve problems in an unusual or unique way
- Works independently

Advanced Kindergarten Programs sites are:

- Bill Roberts
- Edison
- Escalante Biggs
- Palmer
- Gust
- Stedman
- Stephen Knight Center for Early Education



Please note that the program will no longer be housed at Polaris in 2017-18 so we will not be testing for that site.

Learn more about the Gifted and Talented Magnet and the Advanced Kindergarten Programs at our district information nights at each of the following DPS schools:

September 8, 2016	John F. Kennedy High School	2855 Lamar St.
September 13, 2016	George Washington High School	655 S. Monaco Pky.
September 14, 2016	Career Education Center	2650 Eliot St.
September 15, 2016	Archuleta Elementary	16000 E. Maxwell Pl.

Additional middle school information about Morey's Middle School Magnet Program on September 19th at 6:00 pm at Morey Middle School

ADK presentation begins at 5:00 pm
HGT presentation begins at 6:00 pm

Spanish translation available at all meetings.



Nomination forms are available at your neighborhood school or at <http://gt.dpsk12.org>