

Gifted Learning Services

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Focus for Gifted Learning Services 2016-2017

- ▶ Recruitment & Customer Service
 - ▶ Students
 - ▶ Teachers
 - ▶ Parents
- ▶ Retain Excellence
 - ▶ 7 Rigorous Gifted Learning Practices
 - ▶ Pipeline of services for gifted & high potential students
- ▶ Raise the Bar and Opportunities for Growth
 - ▶ Focus on rigor and high achievement indicators
 - ▶ Create programs that nurture the development of gifted and talented potential
 - ▶ Consistency in quality programming & services across schools

SUSD 7 Rigorous Gifted Learning Practices

1. Curriculum Compacting
2. Acceleration in Math
3. Enrichment of ELA
4. Integrated Thematic Instruction
5. Individualized Quests
6. Think Globally & Act Locally
7. Leadership



Recommended Gifted Pipeline Pre-kdg to 12th grade

High School

- Honors
- Advanced Placement, Dual & Concurrent College Enrollment
- International Baccalaureate

Middle School

- Advanced Math Placement: 7th or 8th Math, Alg. or Geo/Trig
- Honors ELA, Science, Social Studies, Pre-Advanced Placement
- Independent Investigations & other elective offerings

Third- Fifth

- Replacement Curriculum Compacting for Accelerated Math
- Enrichment of ELA, Socratic Seminars, JGB and Coaching
- PACT - ITI w/ Science & Social Studies - Units of Study, Pull-Out 90 min/wk

First & Second

- Gifted Clusters
- Gen Ed provides enrichment of math in Mastery Learning Groups
- PACT: 90 min/wk

Kindergarten

- Screen all students using small group games
- ID high potential students using observational running records
- Small Exploration Groups

Preschool 4-year-old

- Advanced Individualized Curriculum
- Enhanced Critical and Creative Thinking Skills
- Unique emotional and social skill development

Accelerated Math Sequence

Example: Tavan Pilot

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Recommended Next Steps

- ▶ Provide rigorous and consistent gifted programming
- ▶ Pipeline of programs from 4-year-old to High School
 - ▶ 4-year-old Gifted Academy
- ▶ Expand existing programs (ex. IB, Science & Math or Foreign Language Experiences)
- ▶ Support STEM, District Maker Space(s)
- ▶ Accelerated Math
- ▶ Revamp Honors' Middle School Courses
- ▶ Assuring appropriate training for gifted, Honors', International Baccalaureate and Dual Credit teachers.

