

*It is our mission in Gifted Education to transform the potential of gifted students through challenging and meaningful learning experiences so that the students may become creative producers and responsible problem solvers in a multicultural world.*



## What does Gifted and Talented Child Mean?

Persons between the ages of five and twenty-one whose abilities, talents, and potential for accomplishment are so exceptional or developmentally advanced that they require special provisions to meet their educational needs. Gifted and talented students are capable of high performance, exceptional production, or exceptional learning behavior by virtue of any or a combination of these areas:

- Intellectual abilities
- Academic aptitude
- Creative thinking
- Leadership ability
- Visual or performing arts abilities

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## Gifted & Talented Center Schools

Guiding Gifted Learners



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# Center School Important Facts

## Programming at Gifted Center Schools:

Gifted Centers offer instruction to students in grades 1-8 who require intense interventions of academic acceleration, pace, affective development, and advanced investigation or enrichment. Teachers work to provide an effective and differentiated curriculum designed to meet the unique needs and goals of each student.

## Center School Sites:

### *Elementary*

Coronado	Kyffin
Devinny	Parmalee
Hackberry Hill	Stevens
Kendrick Lakes	Westridge

### *Middle School*

Creighton	North Arvada
Evergreen	West Jefferson
Ken Caryl	Wheat Ridge

### *High School*

Wheat Ridge (PEAK)

## Gifted Center Classrooms

Gifted Centers are housed in regular school settings and provide full-time educational experiences. Instruction is based on various formal and informal data to assure that the needs of the students are met.



## Transportation

Transportation must be provided by parents. Car pools are arranged by parents to assist in the daily routine.

## Center School Curriculum

Gifted Center curriculum is individualized for students performing above grade level. It includes but is not limited to:

- Compacted and accelerated curriculum
- Multi-age learning teams
- Emphasis on higher level thinking skills
- Integrated approach to content areas
- Opportunity to work with academic peers
- Nurturing of social-emotional (affective) needs
- Attention to individual interests
- Emphasis on complex, advanced materials



## This will benefit my child. How do I apply?

Applications are available through the Jeffco Gifted & Talented website:



[www.jeffcopublicschools.org/programs/gifted\\_talented](http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/programs/gifted_talented)

Applications are processed two times a year. Please see web site for details and deadlines for application process. We strongly encourage application and testing in the fall.

## I missed the fall process. What do I do?

In the spring the Gifted and Talented office offers a second round. The screening process for the program will be the same for second round as for the first round. For those who qualify, placement into the Center School programs will occur as space is available. If there is no room at the Center School they will go on a wait list and an ALP (Advanced Learning Plan) will be created.

## Qualifying:

Acceptance into a Center program is based upon a qualifying body of evidence including multiple points of data.

Decisions are based upon indicators of success for an academic program that practices acceleration and in-depth studies for motivated students.

## Testing for Center School:

Testing for Center School programs is separate from school based assessment.

*Assessments Used:*

- CogAT and NNAT



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