

Elementary School Program Overview

The elementary school Gifted Magnet Program is a full-day, self-contained gifted and talented magnet program for grades 3-5. District 11's Gifted Magnet Program provides tremendous choice offerings for the most advanced learners. Best practices in gifted education, combined with quality opportunities for creative project work, result in tailored education for high-end learners who need special challenge. Students enjoy learning with their intellectual peers while focusing on exceeding Colorado state standards.

To build a flexible learning environment that caters to individual student needs, teachers combine aspects of inquiry based instruction and compacting with integrated thematic instruction and the autonomous-learner model. Specific methodology in research and creative production helps provide a well-rounded experience.

The Gifted Magnet Program curriculum is highly rigorous, exceeds state content standards, and requires depth and complexity of thought. Differentiated instruction ensures that students meet teachers' high expectations and have opportunities for content acceleration. Teachers can meet individual student's needs through specific instruction due to program flexibility. Interest development and independent study in areas of passion is encouraged. Students have unique opportunities for experiential learning through activities such as field trips, team building, and guest speakers.

Teachers, specially trained in gifted education, intentionally vary the curriculum by differentiating instruction in terms of pacing of material covered, complexity of thought, multiple perspectives, ethical issues, moral dilemmas, critical thinking, creative thinking, multiple intelligences, problem-based learning, and leadership/working styles. Independence is purposefully cultivated as students work in a variety of

Questions

Is there a cost for my child to attend the Gifted Magnet Program?

No. The GMP (Gifted Magnet Program) is an appropriate learning opportunity for gifted learners in District 11.

Is transportation provided to Fremont or Stratton from my child's home school?

Yes. D11 will arrange to bus your child to the Program.

How much homework will my child have?

Students should expect daily homework in most classes. The time required depends on the student's time management skills and project requirements.

Will my child have opportunities to interact with other Fremont or Stratton students?

Yes. GMP students interact with other students in their elective classes, at lunch, and during a variety of academic and social events.

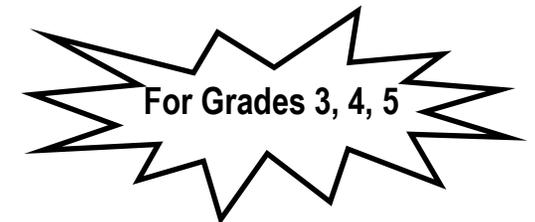
How do students respond to the pressure associated with a gifted magnet program?

Each student deals with pressure differently. Gifted students find great satisfaction in a program such as the Gifted Magnet Program that has fast-paced, appropriately rigorous, challenging, and meaningful learning activities in core academic area. Teachers help students develop time and stress management skills. Opportunities for community service and leadership training complete this challenging, well-rounded program designed as a springboard to advanced opportunities in middle and high school, such as honors and advanced placement courses at all D-11 high schools, CU Gold courses at Coronado High School, and the International Baccalaureate Program at North Middle School and Palmer High School.



Gifted Magnet Program

Fremont Elementary School
and
Stratton Elementary School



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Program Goals

All staff members associated with the Gifted Magnet Program will foster each students ability to:

- Think critically and creatively
- Communicate effectively
- Understand the natural world and a global society
- Build a balanced sense of self
- Contribute to society
- Meet and exceed standards



Program Overview

WHO:

Highly motivated gifted students in third, fourth, and fifth grade who are academically capable and demonstrate a love of learning.

WHAT:

An interdisciplinary magnet program offered to gifted learners in School District 11.

WHERE:

FREMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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STRATTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WHEN:

*Please contact the GMP teachers at the schools listed above for school visits and student shadowing appointments.

WHY:

To provide full-time academic challenges and opportunities in a setting that supports the diverse interest and needs of gifted students.

Criteria For Program Selection

The Gifted Magnet Program is designed to appeal to students who are:

- Academically talented
- Highly motivated learners
- Independent learners
- Divergent thinkers
- Risk takers
- Stimulated by challenges
- Creative producers
- Self-disciplined

Students are selected for the Gifted Magnet Program based on the following criteria:

- Qualifying test scores for gifted and talented
- Achievement test scores
- Current and previous report cards
- Parental evaluation
- Parental behavioral inventory score
- Current teacher evaluation
- Current teacher behavioral inventory score

Application Process

Applications available at www.d11.org/gt

Submit application to Fremont or Stratton Elementary Schools or D11's GT Dept. (see Program Overview).

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