

Developing Talent with Intention

Frequently Asked Questions

What is talent development?

Talent development refers to practices that develop the talents of high-ability students who have not yet been identified as gifted through the testing process. Talent development is designed to deliver a rigorous and relevant curriculum to high-ability students to accommodate their range of academic and intellectual needs. The goal is to expose high-ability students to gifted and talented pedagogy to increase critical thinking and creativity skills.

How may my child be considered for talent development?

All students are monitored regularly to identify those in need of additional opportunities to grow their talents. Schools use a variety of data and observation tools to identify students who may benefit from this additional support.

If my child is identified as needing additional opportunities for talent development, what happens next?

Classroom teachers will differentiate instruction to meet those needs. Your child may also benefit from opportunities to participate in academically challenging extracurricular activities.

Will I be informed when my child needs additional talent development?

When differentiation occurs within the general education classroom, the teacher will communicate with you as usual. If your child needs additional opportunities outside of the general education classroom, you will be contacted by the school to discuss available options.

Does my school offer opportunities for talent development?

Yes, but how schools develop students' talents differ from school to school and by grade level. Contact your child's school for more information.

Who do I contact to inquire about talent development opportunities for my child?

Teachers will keep parents informed as usual in regard to classroom instruction. To discuss opportunities outside of the general education classroom, please contact your child's School Counselor or Gifted Education Lead Teacher.