

# Rockburn Elementary School Gifted and Talented Education Program

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# GT Education Program Mission

To recognize and develop talent in ALL learners, including those already performing at advanced levels.



#### **Program Components**



- Primary Talent
   Development (K-1)
- Curriculum Extension
   Units (CEUs) (2-5)
- G/T Instructional
   Seminars (2-5)
- G/T Math (4-5)



### Talent Development Offerings: Primary Talent Development

- Push-in model in K and 1
- Encourage development of creative and analytical reasoning
- Extend learning for students already performing at advanced levels
- Six to eight full class lessons for each class in kindergarten and 1st grade





## GT Curriculum Extension Units



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2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Exploring Earth [2nd Quarter during science]

The Economics of
Production
[3rd Quarter during
social studies]

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Weather [2nd Quarter during science]

Environmental Literacy
[3rd Quarter during social studies]

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Waves of Communication [2nd Quarter during science]

Road to Revolution
[3rd Quarter during social studies]

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Road to Revolution [1st Quarter during social studies]

River Watch [4th Quarter during science]

## Curriculum Extension Units (CEUs)

- Science and Social Studies
- Extended content from the classroom
- Meets concurrent with content instruction in the team. (Same time - Same Days)
- The GT teacher provides the grade for the corresponding content area during the appropriate quarter.
- All students are considered as part of the GT CEU Placement Process using multiple criteria.

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#### **Placement Process for CEU**

- Multiple performance criteria used to indicate readiness for participation
  - Report card prior quarters for social studies or science
  - Standardized assessments available (MAP, MCAP, CogAT for 4th and 5th)
  - Teacher recommendations



### Talent Development Offerings: GT Instructional Seminars



Instruction in Advanced-Level Skills



Open to All Interested Students



Creative Production or Inquiry



#### **Instructional Seminars**

(Meet during recess following the rotating color schedule.)

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Paper Airplanes

(1st Semester)

Bee a Pollinator Protector

(2nd Semester)

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Safe Racers (1st Semester)

Gnome House Designers (2nd Semester)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Unheard Perspectives
(1st Semester Plus Culminates in Feb.)

It's Debatable (2nd Semester)

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fascinating Factoids (1st Semester)

Websiters (2nd Semester) Memory Book (Sept. to March - Only meet a handful of times.)

### How to get into Instructional Seminars?

- An email will be sent to the students and observers describing the Instructional Seminar.
- Interested students can attend a meeting during recess to learn more information about the seminar.
- Finally, students complete an application/permission form if still interested after the first meeting.



- Accelerated and enriched curriculum
- Focus on problem solving and application of mathematics
- Daily instruction

#### **GT Mathematics**



### Placement Process for GT Math

- CogAT administered to ALL students in December of 3rd grade.
  - Meets State COMAR requirement for an ability measure.
  - Helps identify students who may underperform in school.
- All students reviewed as part of G/T
   Placement Process using multiple criteria including the math MAP.



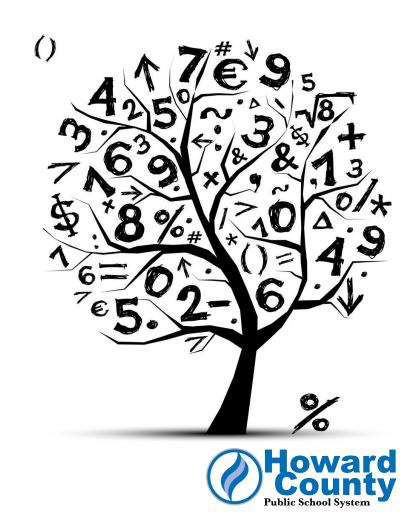
### Measures Included in Placement Process

- Ability Measure (CogAT)
- Standardized assessments (MAP, MCAP)
- Student work samples
  - Application
  - Analysis
  - Problem Solving
- Student grades on assignments requiring critical, analytical, and/or creative thinking
- Documentation from families



## 4th Grade GT Math Domains

- Expressions and Equations
- Place Value and Decimals
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Geometry and Measurement
- Statistics



## 5th Grade GT Math Domains

- The Number System
- Ratio and Proportion
- Expressions and Equations
- Geometry
- Statistics





#### **GT Mathematics 4/5**

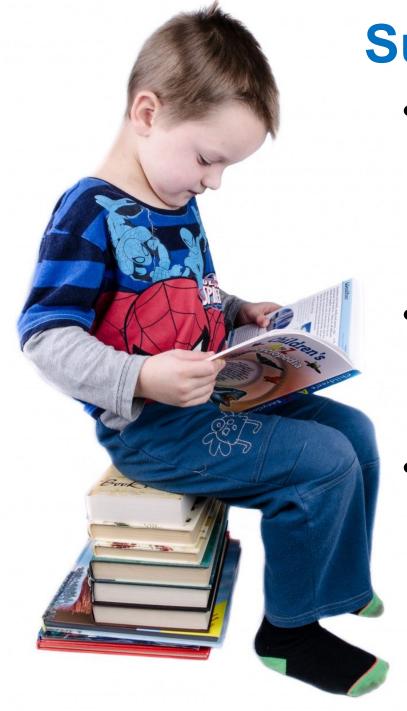
- The mathematics is accelerated and enriched by as much as two years
- Focus is on problem solving and application of mathematical skills
- Standards are introduced and reinforced through daily routines and tasks
- Students learn to identify the eight standards for mathematical practice which are integrated in each math class (See next slide)
- Nightly homework
- Math Olympiads (Weekend homework)
- See your child's math course in Canvas to find the specific course content

#### **GT Mathematics 4/5**

Students learn to identify the 8 standards for mathematical practice which are integrated in each math class

- 1. Persevere
- 2. Represent mathematical problems in a variety of ways
- 3. Compare ideas and conjectures about math
- 4. Use models to solve real world problems
- 5. Strategically use tools and technology when appropriate
- Precision
- 7. Seeing mathematical relationships
- 8. Identifying patterns in math





#### **Supporting Your Child**

- Communicate with your child's classroom teachers and the GT Resource Teacher.
- Check your child's Canvas and Canvas calendar.
- Encourage your child to take advantage of enrichment opportunities, such as GT Instructional Seminars.

#### **Nurturing Advanced Behaviors at Home**

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Advanced Language	Logic and Reasoning	Motivation and Persistence	Leadership	Perspective
Increase use of sophisticated	Share your thinking. Think sequentially.	Ask thought- provoking questions.	Show how you solve problems. Discuss	Discuss various perspectives.

Encourage

independence.

Show curiosity

about ideas.

experiments,

experiences.

events,

strategies and

ways to solve

Model taking

Demonstrate and

model flexibility

in your thinking

opposing points

perspectives, etc.

by examining

of view.

expand

thoughts,

Embellish/

create new

problems.

initiative.

Set high

expectations.

language.

provocative

questions.

Point out

and

similarities

differences.

Take things

apart and put

experiences.

collections or

insightful ways.

Organize

ideas in

back together –

ideas, objects or

Ask

#### **For More Information**

- Our school website
- HCPSS GT Program website at www.hcpss.org/gt
- National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) website at www.nagc.org
- Our GT Resource Team





