

School Board Policy on Gifted Education

In alignment with the Plymouth School District's Mission, "To encourage everyone to become his or her personal best through successful learning experiences", the Plymouth Board of Education provides learning opportunities to the gifted and talented student population. It is the hope of the Board of Education that these opportunities will help this population recognize and develop talents and gifts which will make their own lives worthwhile and contribute to the betterment of this community and world. The Board of Education also recognizes that in order to meet goals of the mission statement for the gifted and talented population, specialized programming is necessary.

Beliefs

- Gifted Children are children first.
- The success of the gifted and talented child is the responsibility of everyone; parents, students, and teachers.
- We encourage excellence not perfection.
- Attitude is just as important as aptitude in determining success.
- Being gifted does not preclude hard work. Work tells the world who we are. It should be done with pride.
- Every child deserves the challenge to learn something new each day and that struggling to learn can be exciting.

PEGASUS

The Plymouth School
District Gifted &
Talented Program



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Parents & Community

Parents are offered a series of evening presentations and discussions concerning issues unique to the gifted and talented population.

Monday, October 23, 2023

Meet and Greet: Slide Presentation
Question & Answer Session & Games
Riverview Library 6-7pm

Monday, January 22, 2024

Family Game Night
Riverview Library 6-7pm

Monday, May 6, 2024

Hot Topics & Project Share
Riverview Library 6-7pm

(Dates and times are subject to change due to building availability)

“Roots & Wings”

A parent support group which meets to discuss issues concerning gifted children and their parents. Contact Kristen Nugent for info.
plymouthrootsandwings@gmail.com

Website

Check out this link to find updated information about PEGASUS/GT.
<http://plymouthgifted.weebly.com/>



K-5

Gifted and talented children demonstrate their talents in math, language arts, creativity, leadership, and performing arts. The class meets weekly with the Pegasus coordinator. The focus is on Language Arts and Math with creativity, leadership, and performing arts incorporated throughout the year.

Participation is a collaborative decision involving the student, parent, Pegasus coordinator, and classroom teacher. Individual students may receive an additional level of service and support based on student need.

6-8

Pegasus programming at this level is based on an enrichment/acceleration concept. Participation is determined using pre-assessments along with teacher recommendations based on classroom performance and student needs.

Online courses are most often utilized at the high school level,. However, based on teacher recommendation and student need, online courses through CESA 7 and WCATY may be provided.

High School Students

Students may schedule private sessions with the Gifted and Talented Coordinator. The meetings may address issues and concerns related to giftedness, career exploration, and college planning.

Passion Project Independent Studies are offered to 11th and 12th grade GT students. Passion Projects are designed/created by the student and supported by the GT coordinator.

Academic acceleration is provided through Accelerated classes, AP classes, College Credit Classes, & Online classes.

Teachers

Teachers are offered resources and support to provide them with current information on how to meet the needs of gifted students.

Gifted and Talented Coordinators work collaboratively with teachers to meet the needs of gifted students.