

## 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 12, 2020**

Meet and Greet: Slide Presentation  
and Google Meeting 6-7pm

### **January 25th, 2021**

Family Online Game Night  
Google Meeting 6-7pm  
(Will do in person if possible!)

### **May 17th, 2021**

Hot Topics from Conferences  
Student Project Share  
Google Meet 6-7pm  
(Will do in person if possible!))

### **“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.  
<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. The focus will be 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 teacher, 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.

Individual meetings may be scheduled with the Gifted and Talented Coordinator and High School Principal to establish an individualized plan if **students' needs are greater than the options listed below.**

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

## Teachers

Teachers are offered workshops and in-services to provide them with current information on how to meet the needs of the gifted student.

Gifted and Talented Teachers also work closely with individual teachers to differentiate learning within the regular classroom.