



Prosper ISD
Elementary Gifted
and Talented
Program

Meet the Elementary GT Staff



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Program Design – STEAM based



- Kindergarten: PETS (Primary Education Thinking Skills) – higher level thinking skills and problem solving strategies (Begins by March 1)
- 1st: Extreme Weather, Rainforest, Taking Shape (geometry shapes and mathematical skills)
- 2nd: TPSP – Careers, Marble Maze, Party Plan, Dinosaur, LEGO WeDo
- 3rd: Alaska Pipeline, Roller Coaster, Utopian Destination, Sphero
- 4th grade – Enigmas, Road Trip, LEGO EV3
- 5th grade – Colonization of America, Culture Shock, Ecosystems, Energy Efficiency Exploration, Vex Robotics

Engineering Design Process



Name of Project:

Explain the problem?

Explain the solution to the problem? (claim)

Explain how you solved the problem. Include everything you did until the solution was found. (narrative form)

How did you know the problem was solved. What evidence proved that you had the solution (evidence)

Why does that evidence prove you solved the problem (reasoning)

GT Program Pullout Time Frames



- Kindergarten: 1 hour per week (begins end of February)
- 1st grade – 1 1/2 hours per week (change)
- 2nd grade – 3rd grade: 2 hours per week
- 4th and 5th grade: 2 - 2 1/2 hours per week

Pullout Schedule Interruptions



- We try to keep these to a minimum
 - ✓ May happen during testing windows for GT referral
 - ✓ We do not pull students from special activities and field trips
 - ✓ May be interrupted on state testing days, though we will do all we can to continue services during those weeks

Other Opportunities at Elementary



- In Class lessons for Grades K-2
- Wonder Lab for any student in Grades 3-5
 - ✓ Allows students to dive deeper into an essential question or task they wonder about, to explore ideas, and encourage creativity.
 - ✓ Provides students a choice in how they extend their learning during a set period of time.

5th Grade



- GT 5th grade ELAR and/or math
 - Placement is based on identification through their GT testing
 - Others filled in classes based on advanced STAAR scores

6th – 8th Grade



- GT PreAP math
 - 6th grade covers 6th and 7th grade TEKS (Standards)
 - 7th grade covers the rest of 7th grade and all of 8th grade TEKS
 - 8th grade students take Algebra 1
- GT PreAP ELAR
- Course maps are the same TEKS as PreAP with additional components designed specifically for GT students, may be different novel choices, projects, depth & complexity

High School



- GT students are expected to take one PreAP or AP math or English class to remain in the GT program
- GT students are purposefully clustered in PreAP/AP math and PreAP/AP English
- GT Humanities
- Accelerated Algebra 2/PreCal
- PCIS

Future Planning



- Planning stages for possible additional GT options at middle school for science and social studies
- American Studies at PHS

How we have planned



- Focus Group
- Student panel

Opportunities



- Parent GT advocacy group – Gifted Minds Prosper
 - www.Giftedmindsprosper.com
 - Twitter @GiftedMindsPros
 - FB – Gifted Minds Prosper
- TAGT
- DI – Destination Imagination
 - [Prosper DI Page](#)

Other Information



- District GT Twitter
 - @GTProsperISD

Questions?