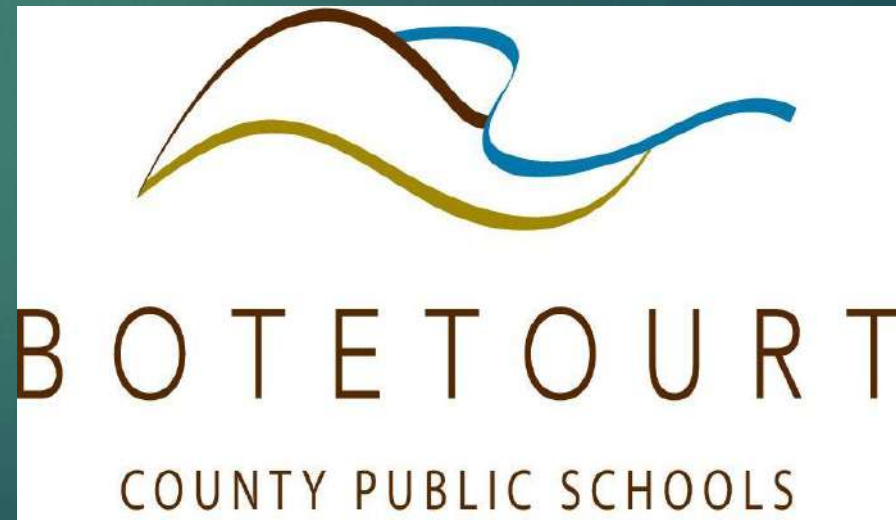


Gifted Parent Meeting

READ MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2, 2023



Welcome

- ▶ Parents
- ▶ Students
- ▶ Administrators
- ▶ Community Members
- ▶ Gifted Resource Teachers



Gifted Parent and Community Involvement

Goal: Botetourt County Public Schools will strengthen partnerships with parents and community.

- ▶ Maintain parent and community involvement through multiple means of communication including, but not limited to, parent events, a gifted program website, and newsletters.
- ▶ Provide at two events per year for parents of gifted learners.
- ▶ Maintain an email list of parents of identified gifted learners and use email as a means to distribute program information.

Gifted Parent and Community Involvement

Procedures for the Establishment of the Local Advisory Committee

- ▶ Each school division **may** establish a local advisory committee composed of parents, school personnel, and other community members who are appointed by the school board. This committee shall reflect the ethnic and geographical composition of the school division. This section should include the school division's procedures for the establishment of the local advisory committee for the gifted program if the division has elected to establish a committee.

BCPS has an established gifted advisory committee made up of administrators, parents, teachers, counselors, and gifted resource teachers.

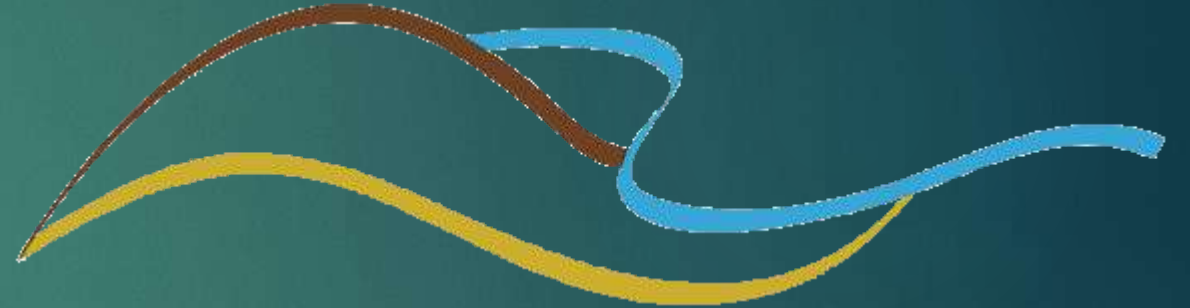
Interested? Email: mtetreault@bcps.k12.va.us

BCPS Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted

SB approved 2023 - 2028

Current plan is located on the BCPS Gifted Website.

Audited by LOCAL Divisions / Fall 2024



Gifted Website

Gifted Education / BCPS Website

PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

Botetourt County Public Schools recognizes gifted learners possess a definable set of learning characteristics, and students with these characteristics have specific instructional needs. These characteristics, both at the group and individual level, are the basis for designing appropriate instruction to meet the needs of the gifted learner.

Contact Information

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Elementary School

- ▶ 3 Gifted Resource Teachers
 - ▶ Lisa Grinnell – CL and GF
 - ▶ Sarah Reynolds – BR, BU, ER
 - ▶ Jessica Humphrey – TV and CO



Target Time – Two Hours Weekly / Pull-Out Services

ELEMENTARY UNIT EXAMPLES

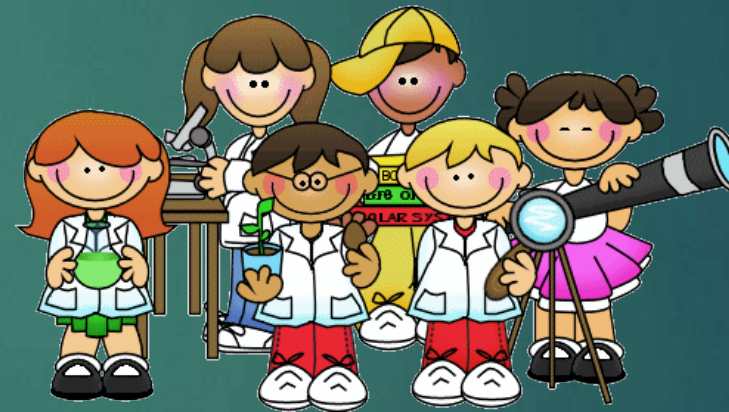
- ▶ **5th Grade:** Exploring the U.S. National Parks System, The Stock Market Game (CL and GR), Edison Robot Challenge Contest, Natural Disasters/Understanding Wildfires and their causes & 3D printing
- ▶ **4th Grade:** Exploration of Virginia State Parks. Natural Disasters and Weather/ Hurricanes, Exploring and Creating Board Games, Coding Edison Robots with Ed Blocks and Scratch & 3D printing
- ▶ **3rd Grade:** Exploring you local parks and community, Reading and understanding basic maps, Natural Disasters/Volcanoes/Pompeii, 3D printing, Japanese Culture/Art/Haiku & *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*

Middle School

- ▶ GRT/English Teacher at Each Middle School

Daryl Hylton – CAMS and RMMS

- ▶ Pull-Out Option / weekly
- ▶ Advanced Math Options
- ▶ Advanced English Options
- ▶ Band
- ▶ Choir
- ▶ Foreign Language (Spanish/French)



High School

- ▶ Advanced Placement Classes
- ▶ Dual Enrollment Classes
- ▶ Roanoke Valley Governors School
- ▶ Jackson River Governors School
- ▶ Virginia Western Community College Regional Programs
- ▶ Mountain Gateway Community College
- ▶ Vocal and Instrumental Music Offerings
- ▶ Advanced Elective Offerings
- ▶ Botetourt Technical School Offerings
- ▶ Independent Study Options



Gifted Eligibility/Referral Process

- ▶ 2nd Grade Screener – NNAT Test (Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test | Third Edition)
- ▶ Woodcock-Johnson IV* and CogAT (The Cognitive Abilities Test)*- Administered to Students Referred to Eligibility Evaluation Process

**updated to latest test versions*

- ▶ *Following this administration and score evaluation students may be administered additional assessments if needed.*
- ▶ Additionally, teachers and parents receive rating scales to be completed and used as part of the student profile (SIGS-2 / Scale for Identifying Gifted Students)
- ▶ Parents will receive an eligibility determination letter following testing and score analysis.



Frequently Asked Questions

Can only second grade students be referred for a gifted evaluation?

Answer: No. Second grade students are given the NNAT as a screener, but can be referred at later grade levels as well. Often parents and/or teachers refer a student for further evaluation.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why can't students in grades K, 1, and 2 be identified and receive gifted services?

Answer: Our Gifted Resource Teachers do push into lower elementary classrooms and do Kingore Activities. By doing these activities, our teachers can observe student's traits and look for gifted characteristics.

Most Divisions choose 2nd grade as a screener year due to the maturity level of the students and readiness to be given a screener, such as the NNAT.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I find what course offerings my child can choose from in middle school and high school?

Answer: BCPS publishes and posts a Program of Studies on the Division website. The Program of Studies is updated yearly by BCPS administrators and counselors.

Links:

<https://www.bcps.k12.va.us/> (Found under Parent Resources)

[22-23 Program of Studies](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens when a student takes Algebra, Geometry or a Foreign Language at the middle school level? Does the student get high school credit? Does the grade count towards their high school GPA? Can the student decline the grade?

Answer: The student may get high school credit for the identified courses above. The grade does not count towards a high school GPA.

A parent may request that the grade be omitted from the student's transcript and the student not earn high school credit for the course. Such request shall be made in the format and by the deadline set forth in regulations developed by the superintendent, per BCPS Policy IKEB.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who should be contacted if my child has questions about courses at the middle school level or high school level?

Answer: The building level principal as well as the school counselors are excellent resources when there are questions about courses.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are some traits of gifted learners?

Answer:

- *Unusual curiosity and questioning
- *Having interests that are varied and not necessarily common
- *Having the ability to solve difficult problems / thinking outside of the box
- *Using their ideas to reason and make abstract connections
- *Enjoying challenges put forth in front of them
- *The ability to communicate at a higher intellectual level

Additional Questions/Input

