K-8 GIFTED IDENTIFIED SERVICES PLAN FOR WARD 1

Even as excitement builds in Ward 1 with two new schools opening in our community in the 2018–19 school year, the move to new facilities brings with it a natural period of uncertainty or a feeling of loss, because change often involves letting go of something time-honored or familiar. For this reason, principals and staff in CMSD’s Office of School Choice & Enrollment have been assuring Whitney Young families that the gifted services provided to their students will follow them to the K–8 or high school they choose. Staff are assisting students and families interested in criteria high schools. This informational packet identifies schools with both self-contained gifted programs and gifted resources for your consideration as you choose your child’s school for the 2018–19 school year.

Gifted Identified students from the Whitney Young Leadership Academy in grades 4–7 have the option of continuing the gifted services they currently receive at the new K–8 school being built in Ward 1. Using a pull-out resource setting, these students will be serviced by a licensed gifted education specialist.

SELF-CONTAINED PROGRAM

Students that meet gifted criteria in any CMSD schools can enroll in the gifted school nearest to their home address. Self-contained classrooms are in grades 2–6 with a licensed Gifted Intervention Specialist (GIS) teaching gifted identified students according to state criteria.

Gifted self-contained schools for the 2018–2019 school year:

- Benjamin Franklin
- James A. Garfield
- Riverside
- Wade Park

PULL-OUT RESOURCE PROGRAM

The Major Work Pull-Out Program is found in schools that have a significant number of identified gifted students. In this program, identified gifted students are pulled-out from the regular education classroom to receive supplemental instruction by a gifted certified specialist. Specialized instruction is offered based on the student’s specific area(s) of gifted identification in Reading and/or Mathematics. Gifted learning activities incorporate higher-level thinking, abstract thought, creative thinking, logical reasoning and problem solving. Program features include Socratic Seminars, Shared Inquiry through Junior Great Books, S.O.L.E. (cooperative research), Zaccaro tiered math units and In the Balance-Algebraic/Logical Reasoning Puzzles.

CMSD employs 11 Gifted Intervention Specialists to serve students in 16 schools in grades 2–5 (or grades 2–6 in select schools). Schools with the Pull-Out Program are:

- Buhrer Dual Language
- Campus International IB Program
- Dike School of Arts
- Douglas MacArthur
- Girls’ Leadership Academy
- Louisa May Alcott
- Luis Munoz Marin
- Newton D. Baker School of the Arts
- Oliver H. Perry
- Paul L. Dunbar
- Robinson G. Jones
- Tremont Montessori
- Valley View
- Boy’s Leadership Academy
- Walton
- Warner Girls’ Leadership Academy
- William Cullen Bryant
- Ward 1 PreK–8 School

Call Lucille Komichak at 216.838.0131 for information about gifted services. Call 216.838.3675 to enroll in any CMSD school.
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