

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
2018-2019 School Year

# HIGHLY GIFTED PROGRAM

**Do you know a child who has any combination of these characteristics?**



Students needing services provided in an HGT magnet may:

- learn new material thoroughly and rapidly with little instruction or practice.
- navigate successfully between multiple cultures or different environments.
- be able to read in their native language at least two grade levels above their current grade.
- demonstrate a mature sense of community and respect for cultural differences.
- have an unusual ability to see essential elements, underlying structures and patterns.
- exhibit an ability to relate a range of ideas and recognize commonalities among them.
- demonstrate leadership skills in various settings (playground, home, clubs, etc.)
- find numerous alternative or creative meanings in even the most simple issues or problems.
- exhibit exceptional curiosity.
- interpret events or information in a creative or unusual way.
- learn to read or apply complex mathematical concepts without instruction.
- hesitate to begin or refuse to participate in activities in which they think they might fail.
- be self-critical even if they excel.
- have an advanced ability to translate thoughts and ideas to/ from a second language.
- have a exceptional sense of humor, seeing humor where others do not.
- feel isolated or different.
- display an unusual intensity or depth of feeling.
- develop insight into social and moral issues.
- have developed fluency in a second language extremely quickly (in less than 2 years) and are able to think in both languages.
- be highly creative or original and enjoy the unusual.
- have a highly developed sense of justice and injustice.
- seek perfection in self and others resulting in a need to correct errors and argue.
- have an understanding of and see connections between ideas or concepts that have not been introduced.
- have a surprising sophisticated vocabulary.

The Highly Gifted Program was developed in 1985 for students in grades one through eight who may have these characteristics and extraordinary abilities, potential or academic needs. It is a full-day program in magnet sites that is designed for students who need the support and challenge provided by specifically trained teachers and by other students with advanced or unique abilities and academic needs.

**How to Apply:** Students must apply centrally for consideration and testing for this program. Parents, teachers, or anyone who knows the student may nominate him/her, and students may self-nominate. Nomination forms are available at your neighborhood school or at <http://gt.dpsk12.org>.

Attend any meeting at the elementary schools listed below for information about the elementary program.

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| Carson    | Wednesday, September 6, 2017 | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| Archuleta | Thursday, September 7, 2017  | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| Cory      | Monday, September 11, 2017   | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| Teller    | Tuesday, September 12, 2017  | 5:30-6:30 pm |

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| Southmoor | Wednesday, September 13, 2017 | 6:00-7:00 pm |
| Edison    | Thursday, September 14, 2017  | 5:00-6:00 pm |
| Gust      | Thursday, September 14, 2017  | 5:00-6:00 pm |

**Middle school information at Morey** on September 18th at 5:30 pm

Spanish translation available

**Applications may be completed online or sent via mail to Denver Public Schools  
Gifted and Talented Department,  
ATTN: Stacey Pendleton  
8<sup>th</sup> Fl, 1860 Lincoln St,  
Denver, CO 80203.**

Information: Contact the GT teacher in your child's current school for information about these programs or your school's GT services.  
Go to <http://gt.dpsk12.org/contact> the school above; or call the GT Dept. at 720-423-2056