



OFFICE OF GIFTED EDUCATION CHESTERFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Philosophy for the Education of Gifted Learners

As part of the vision and mission of Chesterfield County Public Schools, the gifted education program recognizes and identifies diverse gifted learners and provides a comprehensive program that delivers an appropriately differentiated instructional program responsive to student ability, assist students in actualizing potential to achieve personal success, provides a continuum of program service options, addresses the social and emotional needs of diverse gifted students, supports an educational environment that challenges gifted learners and enables students to perform at levels of excellence, and facilitates the development of self-directed learners.

Gifted Education Services

Chesterfield County schools provide a continuum of gifted education services to eligible students in specific areas of academic strength including English, mathematics, social science, and science.

Gifted elementary and middle school students are cluster-grouped as possible with other identified gifted learners. Teachers consider readiness, achievement, and interests to modify curriculum and instruction while striving to provide appropriate challenge. This may include the following:

- Curriculum enrichment and extension
- Differentiated assignments
- Increased rigor
- Advanced pacing

Identified gifted students in grades 3-8 may also further qualify to participate in a CBG Academy. Teachers at CBG Academies use advanced content, pacing, and instructional strategies that provide rigor and challenge for gifted learners. All students in the classes are identified for gifted services, and students must maintain an academic standard to continue participation at a CBG Academy.

Eligible students are assigned to an academy based on the home address. CBG Academies are located within Greenfield, J.G. Hening, Marguerite Christian, and Winterpock Elementary Schools.

Manchester, Matoaca, Midlothian, Swift Creek, and Robious Middle Schools also house CBG Academies.



Enrichment Programs

Opportunities exist for gifted learners to attend enrichment programs beyond the school year. School counseling personnel assist students with the application processes. Past experiences include:

Summer Regional Governor's School

- One-week summer experience, attend daily
- MathScience Innovation Center, grades 6-8
- Winter application

Summer Residential Governor's School

- Four-week summer experience
- VA universities, live on campus, grades 10-11
- Academic programs
- Visual and Performing Arts programs
- Fall application

High School Opportunities

Advanced academic needs of gifted high school students are met through honors, advanced placement (AP), and dual-enrollment courses.

Eighth grade students may apply for full-time high school programs, such as CCPS specialty centers and regional governor's schools that offer programs which concentrate on various disciplines.

Applications for the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies and for the Appomattox Regional Governor's School for Arts and Technology are available in middle school counseling office after October 15. Proof of residency is required to receive an application.

For more information, see the CCPS website.
Select *Families* and *Specialty Centers*.

Gifted Education Referrals

Evaluation for gifted services begins when a referral form is submitted to the student's home school. Referrals may be made by a parent, teacher, community member, or student. Private and homeschool students may also be referred by following this process at the CCPS home school they would attend if enrolled.

Referred students are assessed with nationally-normed aptitude and creativity tests, teacher, parent, student perception inventories, work samples, and grades.

Results are reported to parents on a *Gifted Education Eligibility Report* (GEER). Once identified and with the parents' consent for services, students begin receiving gifted education services the following school year.

Gifted education referral deadlines are publicized on the CCPS website. They are also printed locally through community and school-level publications. When the referral deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, referrals are due on the first instructional day after this date.

Important Dates for Referrals

October 15 - students currently in grade 5

December 15 - students currently in grades 2-4

January 15 - students currently in grades 6-12

March 15 - students currently in grades K-1

New Residents

When an identified gifted student moves to Chesterfield County and is enrolling, parents are asked to provide specific documents.

- Evidence of gifted identification, including the type of program, services received, and areas of gifted identification
- Contact information for the previous school
- Results of nationally-normed assessments
- Report card or transcript listing coursework and grades for at least the previous academic year
- Former CCPS identification profile if previously identified in Chesterfield County Public Schools

The Office of Gifted Education will review information and strive to match previous gifted services as appropriate. Students will automatically be assessed in the established assessment window during the school year. Parents may also refer a child for review during the school year, mindful of referral deadlines. Eligibility for services and placement options determined for the student at that time will be applicable the following school year.



Gifted Education Advisory Committee

The Gifted Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) discusses and guides gifted education services in relation to state regulations and the School Board-approved Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted.

Advisory committee members are appointed from each of the county's five magisterial districts and include parents, teachers, staff members, and students. Gifted Education Advisory Committee members serve a three-year term. Students serve for one year.

Those interested in serving on the GEAC are encouraged to apply by filling out the online application available on the CCPS website. Applications are available online for positions beginning the following school year.

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