



Gifted Program Review Next Steps

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Gifted Program Review – Next Steps

- Using this school year to plan and design new program model
- Changes may be phased in over the next several years
- Continuing our focus on equity, access, and rigor
- Aligning services to best meet the needs of our students



Elementary Cluster Program

Focus Areas:

- Expanding cluster programming in all 7 elementary schools
- Strengthening curriculum and instructional supports
- Providing professional development for cluster teachers
- Exploring adjustments to the gifted identification process
- Reviewing and refining service model for consistency and impact



GATE 4/5 Program

Transition From Middle School → To Elementary Setting

Benefits of Elementary Placement:

- Developmentally appropriate environment for younger learners
- Stronger peer connections with same-age peers
- Enhanced collaboration with elementary teachers for both enrichment and core instruction
- Smoother transition into middle school enrichment/acceleration options



GATE 4/5 Program

Transition From Middle School → To Elementary Setting



Bayport Elementary School

Why Bayport:

- Centrally located
- Variety of collaborative learning spaces



Middle School Program

Shifting the Model

- Moving away from cluster placement at a single middle school
- Implementing enrichment and accelerated learning opportunities at both Stillwater and Oak-Land middle schools
- Increasing access and equity for all advanced learners across the district
- Aligning with best practices for supporting gifted students in middle-level settings



What's Happening Now

- **District Program Design:**

- Establishing internal working group to finalize program model

- **Elementary Program:**

- Gathering feedback from cluster teachers
- Working with staff to support GATE 4/5 move

- **Middle School Program:**

- Building out enrichment/accelerated course scope and sequence
- Developing transition plan to new model

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