Welcome!

Edison Township Gifted and Talented Parent Information Night
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Tonight’s Program

• How Edison Elementary Schools support the Gifted Student
  • Eligibility
  • Identification
  • Curriculum
  • Classroom Support
Guess the Famous Gifted Person
Who Am I?

- As a child I may have frustrated my parents and teachers. I didn’t speak until I was four years old.
- My giftedness was obvious at a young age because I was always at the top of my class.
- I hated school because I believed that the strict rules and rote learning held back my creativity.
- Eventually, one of my greatest works left a new trail in the world of physics.
I am....Albert Einstein
Who Am I?

- When I was a child, I was struck with Scarlet Fever that led to hearing problems.
- In school, my teachers complained that I was inattentive.
- I had to be home-schooled.
- I ended up being the one of the greatest inventors of all time.
I am... Thomas Alva Edison
A Bright Child

- Knows the answers
- Top group
- Completes assignments
- Good memorizer
- Pleased with own learning

A Gifted Child

- Asks the questions
- Beyond the group
- Initiates projects
- Good guesser
- Highly self-critical

*Adapted from the National Association for Gifted Children*
“Those exceptionally able students who possess or demonstrate high levels of ability, in one or more content areas, when compared to their chronological peers in the local district and who require modification of their educational program if they are to achieve in accordance with their capabilities.”
Who is eligible to be tested?

Testing Timeline

- We discourage preparation for cognitive abilities tests, as we want to see where a student's natural ability lies.

- The G&T program is best suited for students who do not require preparation.
G&T Eligibility Criteria

- **Edison's Criteria**

- If your child is new to the district and participated in a G&T/ enrichment/challenge program previously, it does NOT grant eligibility into the Edison G&T program.
When are spring test results received?

- Prior to the end of the school year.
- Delivered to Genesis Parent Portal.
- Communication includes test results, analysis, and participation “yes” or “no”.
Program Details

● “Pull together” program for grades 3-5, approximately 1.5 hours per week.

Three Cycles
● Mathematics
● Engineering
● English Language Arts

● Assessment Rubric at the conclusion of each unit
Curriculum Framework
Gifted and Talented Assessment Rubric

Other Success Skills we develop:

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Classroom Support

- Push-In 2nd grade science enrichment
  - Bi-weekly hands-on science lesson aligned to curriculum

- The Gifted and Talented teachers are used as a resource to address needs of high-ability learners in the general education classroom.

- Sharing resources
Independent Inquiry Project

- Available to all students
- **K-2 and 3-5 Projects**
- Self-directed, independent
- Emphasizes creativity
- Rubric is available for scoring by classroom teacher
For more information, visit the Edison Public Schools website.
Questions??

- Is G&T participation a factor in middle school honors placement?