

**Programming is a site based decision. Please contact the school directly with questions regarding programming or services.**

2017-18 Gifted Services: Site Specific

School Name	Mead Middle School
Principal	Josh Barnett
GT Building Representative	Andrea Evans
Focus (if applicable)	MMS strives to ensure that our gifted and talented students are engaged, rigorously challenged and supported to reach their full emotional, intellectual, and creative potential. By equipping students to become successful, critical, compassionate, and collaborative individuals, we are preparing them to become leaders and citizens of the 21st century.
Overview of Gifted Programming Options	MMS offer a Gifted and Talented Explore class to our 6th and 7th graders that replaces their advisory class. Students will create a exploration project is an in-depth exploration of an individual passion or interest. The MMS Gifted and Talented students are given an opportunity to see the complexity of their interests through an interdisciplinary lens.
Enrichment Options	After school enrichment opportunities are excellent options for students to pursue an area of interest at deeper levels. After school enrichment should not be the only services our school offers for advanced learners. They are a great addition to the to our MMS GT program.
Social/Emotional Support	MMS offers access to counselors to our GT students, as well as individual counseling/emotional support, academic advising, high school planning, post-secondary and career exploration, classroom guidance lessons on social skills, appropriate digital behaviors, etc.
Classroom Differentiation and Extensions	This is offered by teachers within the classroom setting. Teachers pre-assess and adjust the curriculum as needed in order to create respectful tasks for advanced learners. Some strategies might include accelerated pace, choice in content, open-ended projects, more complexity and depth, etc. It is important to consider that differentiation should not result in MORE work for a gifted learner. MMS utilizes an accelerated math program in which students are assessed and potentially placed in a 6th & 7th grade advanced math class. At this point, students continue to learn math skills at an advanced paced compared to their age peers. The program is vertically aligned so that students can continue to grow in advanced math throughout high school.