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BLACK ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 A GIFTED & TALENTED, WORLD LANGUAGE ELEMENTARY

Black Rock Elementary School

<p>School Contact Information</p>	<p>Black Rock Elementary School bres.svvsd.org Main Office: (720) 890-3995</p>
<p>Overview of Gifted and Talented</p>	<p>All identified students are provided with an Advanced Learning Plan that is drafted or updated in the fall each year. This plan documents academic goals, classroom strategies, social emotional goals, and progress monitoring. Parents, teachers and students are valued collaborative partners in ALP development.</p> <p>The gifted and talented program at Black Rock consists of a pull out program for identified students, monthly whole school design challenges, and co-teaching done between the Gifted and Talented teacher and classroom teachers to implement high level thinking strategies in the classroom. Professional learning opportunities are provided for all teachers on higher level strategies that will push all students thinking. In addition, accelerated 5th grade math students access 6th grade content with the support of the GT and STEM teachers.</p>
<p>Programming and Enrichment Opportunities</p>	<p>K-1 Students in kindergarten and first grade are invited to participate in an enrichment program that introduces the gifted and talented strategies. Participation in the enrichment program is based on teacher nomination or identification with a robust body of evidence.</p> <p>2-5 Pull out groups are provided for identified students and focus on student strengths in specific academic areas.</p> <p>During reading enrichment students work on Gifted and Talented strategies such as Jacob's Ladder, Thinking Maps, Depth and Complexity, and Socratic Seminars. Those strategies are embedded in novel studies, small group work, design challenges, and a problem-solving curriculum.</p> <p>During math enrichment, students warm up using puzzles such as Sudoku, Ken Ken, and logic puzzles. They also work on design challenges and problem based learning activities connected to their grade-level math standards to have a deeper understanding of the concepts. Second and third grade students learn about balancing equations through a program called Hands-on Equations. Which leads them to play a game called Equations later in their Elementary years.</p>

	<p>In fourth and fifth grade students participate in the Stock Market Experience.</p> <p>Third - fifth grade students also work on a program called Future Problem Solvers. This program helps students develop critical and creative thinking skills, enhances communication and collaborations, and increases student awareness of the future. In addition, accelerated 5th grade math students access 6th grade content with the support of the GT and STEM teachers.</p>
Social Emotional Support	<p>Identified students in third - fifth grade come to the Gifted & Talented classroom an additional time each week for Social-Emotional support. During that time we work on teamwork, self advocacy, and other social emotional needs through working through using Project-Based Learning Lessons That Build Critical Thinking, Emotional Intelligence, and Social Skills utilizing district curriculum. Students set a personal affective goal for themselves each year. Through the use of Habits of Mind and the social emotional curriculum they work towards and reflect on their goal throughout the year.</p>
School Focus	<p>Black Rock is a Gifted and Talented focus school where we use Cluster Grouping. Students are grouped in a class with students of like abilities. Cluster grouping is a very mindful way of grouping students to allow for continued growth, meaningful, deeper discussions, and higher achievement. Many teachers at Black Rock are trained in the skills and strategies to challenge and push students' learning to new levels. Continuous professional learning opportunities are provided for all teachers on higher level strategies that will push all students thinking.</p>