

Highly Gifted Program at Friedell

An Academic Program to Meet the Needs of Highly Gifted Students in
Grades 6, 7, and 8 at
Friedell Middle School



Friedell Middle School

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Office of Gifted Services

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The **Highly Gifted Program** located at Friedell Middle School is a school within a school. The program is designed to meet the unique educational, social, and emotional needs of highly gifted students in grades 6-8 while still allowing the students to participate in a regular middle school experience.

General Information

- The program provides a highly rigorous content at an accelerated pace.
- An open enrollment option is available to students who do not live within the Rochester School District.
- Student selection is based on assessment measures determined by the Gifted Services Department of Rochester Public Schools.
- Highly gifted students will take part in four advanced subject disciplines: science, social studies, mathematics, and language arts.
- Additionally, highly gifted students will participate in standard offerings such as music, physical education, and exploratory classes.

Entrance Criteria

Students and families considering this option must meet ONE of the following criteria:

- CogAT composite score of 132 or higher
- CogAT composite score of 128 or higher **AND** NWEA test total in Reading of 97 NPR or higher **AND** NWEA test total in Math of 97 NPR or higher
- A qualifying portfolio of exemplary work completed at school under the direction of the classroom teacher

Key Elements of the Program

Advanced content-based curriculum:

- Advanced curricular content focuses students on the depth and complexity of learning and knowledge
- Learning key concepts develops students' understanding of the relationships within, between, and among disciplines
- Educational challenges promote student opportunities for manipulating information at complex levels by using divergent and higher order thinking models

Differentiated instruction to meet the sophisticated learning needs of highly gifted children:

- Acceleration of basic content experiences
- Construction of meaning as the central goal
- Critical thinking using analysis and synthesis models
- Exploration of complex content at conceptual and abstract levels
- Inquiry as a fundamental tool for encouraging learning
 - Open-ended activities encouraging further exploration and social interaction
 - Development of creative products to stimulate the use of higher level thinking and problem-solving processes
 - Extended learning opportunities to pique interest around substantive content

Social and emotional development and guidance:

- Develop healthy sense of self through understanding of individual uniqueness
- Establish healthy relationships through understanding of health and others
- Foster appropriate expectations of self and others
- Encourage risk-taking behaviors in intellectual contexts

Important Dates for Students in Grade 4 in 2016-2017

January 30-March 3, 2017

CogAT Testing for all 4th graders

At Rochester Public Elementary Schools

Students NOT attending Rochester Public Schools may contact the Office of Gifted Services by January 6, 2017 at 507-328-4275 to learn about testing opportunities.

September 29, 2016

Gifted Services

Elementary Parent Information Night

6:30-8:00 p.m. Edison Board Room

Week of March 27, 2017

4th grade students notified if they qualified for HG Program via test scores

April 19, 2017

Last day for 4th grade students to request to do an HG portfolio

Call 328-4275 to request an HG portfolio.

January 2018

Applications for the general program at Friedell should be turned in to the Assistant Superintendent's Office process. Applications are available on the district website:

www.rochester.k12.mn.us

January 17, 2018

Applications for the HG program should be submitted to the Office of Gifted Services by this students who qualify

**Important dates for students
in grades 5, 6, 7 in 2016-2017**

October 28

Last date for 5th graders to request to do an HG Portfolio to be considered for 2017-2018

November 30, 2016

Completed 5th-grade Highly Gifted Middle School Portfolios are due to the Office of Gifted Services

November 17, 2016

5th Grade information night for the general and the HG programs 6:30 p.m. at Friedell

Week of December 12, 2016

Families will be notified by Gifted Services as to whether the student qualified by portfolio.