

STUDENT SERVICES

West Fargo Schools is committed to provided quality services to meet the needs of individual learners.

ENGLISH LEARNER (EL) EDUCATION (see administrative policy GAB-A)

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (GATE) EDUCATION

Students will be identified for gifted services bi-yearly, based on standardized test scores from the current and previous school years. In general, students who score at or above the 97th percentile on three tests in reading and/or math will be placed in the curriculum unit coordinating to that academic area. Our gifted education teachers work with students during a 40-minute block for two out of six days in math/science and one out of six days in reading/writing. This ensures that students are still receiving their core instruction while they receive opportunities for enrichment.

The focus during the math/science time in grades 3-5 is based on the National Math and Science Initiative curriculum – NMSI. <https://www.nms.org> This curriculum is designed to help students achieve in advanced placement opportunities at the secondary level. The curriculum also allows for a unit from Project Lead the Way – PLTW, many units from this curriculum are in our core science program, but these particular units take the engineering and design process to a deeper level. In grades 1-2, the math/science curriculum comes primarily from LegoWedo, Scratch, and the utilization of resources like MakeyMakey and other hands-on learning opportunities.

The focus during the reading/writing time is based on enriching our core curriculum research process and allowing students to dig deep into projects of passion. Our gifted education teachers utilize a wide variety of resources and strategies to work with students in these areas. If you would like more information regarding GATE, please contact the Director of Curriculum K-12 at (701)356-2001.

INDIAN EDUCATION

The Indian Education Program of Fargo and West Fargo Public Schools advocates for Native American students' success in school while providing cultural opportunity connections for students and families. If you have questions regarding Indian services, please call the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary at (701) 356-2001.

SPECIAL EDUCATION (see administrative policy FDE)



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