

Mesa Public Schools' Extended Learning Program

Mesa's Extended Learning Program provides gifted students with a challenging curriculum that builds their skills in communication, research, critical and creative thinking, teamwork, and synthesis of ideas across learning disciplines.

Services provided through the Extended Learning Program are based on the grade level of the student.



Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

Students identified as gifted in these grades may receive in-class assistance such as materials, ability grouping, counseling, etc. as determined appropriate by the classroom teacher, parents, and gifted specialist.



Upper Elementary Grades 3-6

Pullout: Students who qualify attend an ELP resource room for one day per week. The resource room may be located on site at the student's school or at a nearby school. For those attending off-site, the district provides transportation. Classes are taught by teachers specially trained to work with gifted children. Elementary school ELP lessons focus in-depth on topics such as oceanography, robotics, archaeology, animal species, ecosystems, and ancient cultures. The topics are used to teach the primary objectives of critical and creative thinking skills, research skills, problem solving, literary awareness, communication skills, teamwork, and self-sufficiency.

In class: Identified students may be grouped according to specific abilities deemed appropriate by the classroom teacher, parents, and gifted resource specialist.

Junior High

Students who qualify attend ELP English and ELP Social Studies classes daily. These classes are accelerated and go into greater depth, providing students with the opportunity to use higher-level thinking. Students who qualify in math attend accelerated math in 7th grade. They then qualify for Algebra in 8th grade.



High School

Advanced Placement courses are offered in many subjects including English, calculus with analytical geometry, biology, chemistry, physics, government, foreign languages, studio art, and music. These courses follow a nationally standardized curriculum and prepare students for the Advanced Placement exam, which can qualify the student for college credit.

Accelerated and honors classes as well as dual-enrollment community college classes are also offered.

In addition, Westwood High offers the International Baccalaureate program, which is open to any qualified high school student. This program is widely recognized by the world's leading universities.

For more information, consult the course catalog and the high school counselor.

Qualifying for the Extended Learning Program

Students in elementary school or junior high school qualify for the Extended Learning Program through a testing process. For more details about this process, visit the ELP website at www.mpsaz.org/elp. High school students, with the help of a counselor, may plan a challenging program whereby they may earn college credit based on their goals and abilities.



Visit our website

For more information about programs and further resources, visit www.mpsaz.org/elp

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