



10/10/13 – Academic Standards Committee presentation

11/6/13 - Meeting to prioritize recommendations

2/21/14 - Gifted Mission meeting

3/26/14 - Gifted Mission 'word-smithing' meeting

Ongoing committee meetings





- 1. Mission Statement and Shared Values
- 2. Infusing Mathematics into the Primary Level Gifted Support Program
- 3. Increasing Rigor at the Middle School Level





Mission Statement and Shared Values

Dr. Daneyelle Jordan School Psychologist





Timeline of Events

November 2013: Gifted Program Review Planning Meeting

March 2014: Gifted Program Mission Statement Planning Meeting

April 2014: Mission Statement Sub-Committee Meeting





Mission Statement

The CRSD Gifted Program enhances the educational experience for gifted students to develop individual strengths. In the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom, our program fosters creativity and innovative thinking to develop self-directed learners who will be meaningful contributors in an ever changing global society.



SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY



Shared Values

The Council Rock School District Gifted Program will:

- meet students' individual needs
- enrich student interest and abilities
- foster communication between educators, parents, and students
- provide a curriculum with appropriate rigor, challenge, and choice
- offer opportunities for academic interaction with like ability peers as well as the entire school community
- encourage critical and creative exploration of ideas
- approach instruction through inter-disciplinary and thematic study
- enrich and accelerate when appropriate
- recognize the social and emotional characteristics of the learner



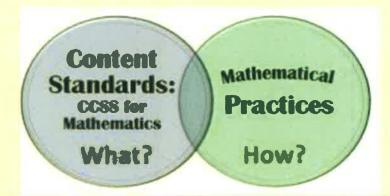
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Infusing Mathematics into the Primary Level Gifted Support Program

Dr. Julie Eastburn, Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator
Mrs. Amy Smith, Gifted Support Teacher, HES
Mary Doherty, Math Specialist, CES/HCES
Charyl Kerns Hills, Math Specialist, GES



- Adding Math to the 2nd and 3rd grade program
- Ongoing process
- Math Specialist and Humanities teachers
- Common Core Standards and Math Practices
- Math Practices are key, especially perseverance
- Focus on problem solving





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Practice Standards				
1		i can solve problems without giving up		
2		i can think about numbers in many ways		
3	GO	i can explain my thinking and try to understand others.		
4		i can show my work in many ways		
5	A BA	i can use math tools and tall why I chose them.		
6		i can work corefully and check my work		
7	©	i can use what i know to solve now problems.		
8		i can discover and use shortcuts		





Ocean Math



How big is a whale?
How would you weigh a whale?

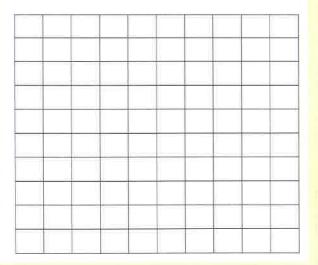
Which is bigger a whale or an elephant?

What percent of the earth is water? What fraction?

Oceans

Almost 70 % of the Earth's surface is covered by oceans.

Color 70 boxes blue to represent the oceans. Color 30 boxes green to represent the land.



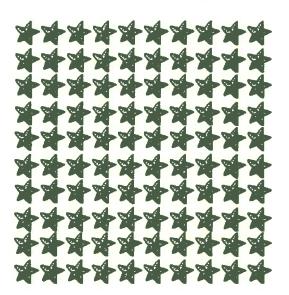




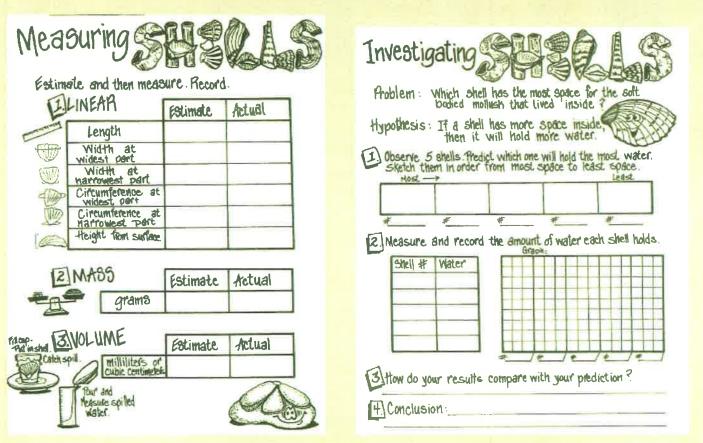
Sea SQUARES

Make squares with the starfish. How many can you make from these starfish?

Here's a start. I row of 1 is a square. 10 rows of 10 is a square.











Increasing Rigor at the Middle School Level

Mr. Dean Hentz
Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator





AN INTEGRATED CURRICULUM MODEL

Appropriate curricula for gifted learners embrace three equally important and integrated dimensions (Van Tassel-Baska, et al., 1988)

ADVANCED CONTENT-BASED MASTERY RESEARCH/PROCESS/PRODUCE EXPLORATION OF ISSUES, THEMES, AND IDEAS





ADVANCED CONTENT-BASED MASTERY

RESEARCH/PROCESS/PRODUCE

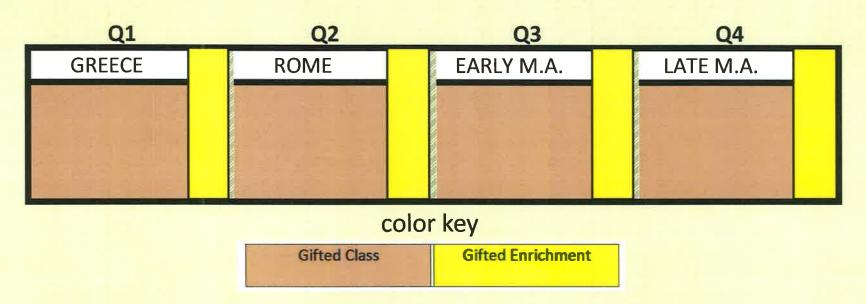
EXPLORATION OF ISSUES, THEMES, AND IDEAS

- allows gifted learners to move more rapidly through the curriculum
- mastery of basic knowledge and skills allow moves to higher levels
- advanced curriculum made available when readiness demonstrated





GRADE 7 ACCELERATION/COMPACTING PROPOSAL







ADVANCED CONTENT-BASED MASTERY RESEARCH/PROCESS/PRODUCE

EXPLORATION OF ISSUES, THEMES, AND IDEAS

- in-depth (small-group and independent) learning opportunities
- pursuit of real and meaningful investigations
- problem solving, research, and experimental design for investigations



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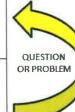
- Ability and /or Interest Exploration
- Humanities, STEM, Other
- Useful in writing GIEP (PLEP, Goals, SDI)
- Output: question to answer / problem to solve

QUARTER 2 (≈7days)

- Reading
- Selection aid by staff/DCCs
- Opportunity For Student Discussion / Sharing

QUARTER 4 (≈7days)

- Presenting
- Construction /Assessment /Audience aid by staff/DCCs



QUARTER 3 (≈7days)

- Writing
- Construction / Assessment aid by staff/DCCs



EXPLANATIONS

Literacy Based (PA Core Standards)

Individualized

Output

- Portfolio Collection
- Work Product SDI & Goals

Extension Examples (PJAS, NHD, Mathcounts, RO)

Variation

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- Facilitated Via CR Staff ("Workshop")

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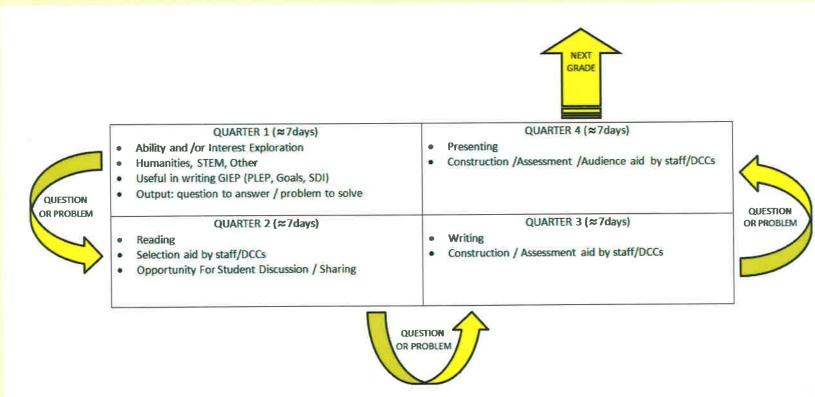
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- within and across curriculum areas
- concepts and ideas as organizers for educational experiences
- allow students to see the integrated nature of academic disciplines









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