

The **Talent Pool (grades K-2)** and **Gifted Resource Program (grades 3-8)**

provide advanced educational opportunities with trained gifted resource staff on a weekly pullout basis in each of the elementary schools. The curriculum includes in-depth activities in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, as well as a variety of multidisciplinary activities that focus on the development of critical thinking skills and problem solving strategies.

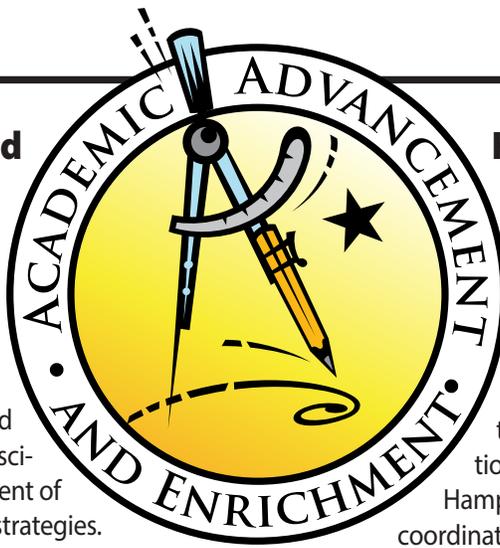
In grades 6-8, the Gateway middle school gifted students are served through twice-monthly pull-out classes in each middle school. The middle school classes focus on developing leadership skills, exploring various topics through an interdisciplinary seminar approach, planning for college and careers, and doing independent research investigations into areas of individual interest and passion.

The **Spratley Gifted Center (grades 3-8)** provides a full-time program for identified gifted students with highly advanced skills and aptitudes who have already demonstrated their capacity for complex processing abilities. These students require a fully differentiated educational environment, with an accelerated program of studies across all content areas. Opportunities are provided for extensive research, inquiry based learning, literary and scientific analysis, and project based learning to focus on topics of strength and interest.

The **Gifted Visual Art Program** is designed to nurture and enrich the gifts of young artists in grades 3-8. This program focuses on advanced, concentrated instruction in the principles, theory, and practice of visual art. Students participating in Excel Art meet once per week in grades 3-5 and on a variable schedule for grades 6-8. Students are accepted into this program based on an adjudicated portfolio, superior potential in art skills and creativity, advanced achievement in art, and recommendations by art teachers.

Eligibility for gifted programs in grades K-8:

Parents, teachers, peers, guidance counselors, and other professionals who know the student may make a referral requesting consideration for gifted education services for grades K-8. Students may also make self-referrals. Referral forms may be obtained from the school counselor or gifted school level advisor at each school, or from the gifted department's website. All Hampton City Schools students are automatically screened in grades one and two for possible gifted eligibility. Once parent permission to evaluate is obtained, performance assessments will be gathered. Eligibility for the gifted programs is based on ability test scores, teacher and parent rating scales, and class performance, including grades. All eligibility and placement decisions are made by the division Eligibility Committee. For more information, please call 757-727-2160.



High school options offer a variety of advanced and high level courses to gifted students, including Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and dual enrollment classes. Additional specialized courses are taught at the magnet schools. Other options include the Governor's School for Science and Technology and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. Information about the IB program is on the website for Hampton High, or can be obtained by calling the IB coordinator at 757-896-5745.

The **Governor's School for Science and Technology at New Horizons**

offers a regional, specialized secondary program for gifted and high ability students in grades 11-12. Students attending the Governor's School also attend their home high school for part of each school day. Students may choose a strand in biological science, engineering, or scientific programming. Governor's School students have opportunities to participate in original research and mentoring with scientists and practicing professionals. Interested students should refer to the web site at <http://www.nhgs.tec.va.us/governorsschool/> for online applications and information about prerequisite classes. Admission is highly competitive. A Pre-Admissions Information Series (PAS) provides additional information for prospective students entering ninth and tenth grades. Students interested in attending the Governor's School should consider applying for PAS.

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