



Gifted Program

What is the Gifted Program?

The Altar Valley School District's Gifted Program serves students identified as gifted or potentially high achieving. The program serves the students at each school, as necessary, to meet the individual needs of students.

For specific information regarding program services for a particular school, please contact the Special Services office at 520-822-9201.

Gifted Program Mission

The mission of the Altar Valley Gifted Program is to provide a challenging, relevant, and supportive learning environment that meets the needs of gifted and talented students.

What services are available to meet the needs of Gifted and Talented students?

Robles' Gifted Program focuses on developing advanced problem solving and critical thinking skills. In kindergarten through 2nd grade, this is accomplished through acceleration and/or expansion of the district curriculum within the general education classroom. In 3rd through 4th grade, the student needs are generally met through clustered classroom placement, although acceleration and/or expansion of the district curriculum within the general education classroom may be used. The topics covered in classes vary according to the interest of the students and the types of problems they are working on.

Altar Valley Middle School's Gifted Program continues developing problem solving and critical thinking skills and extends to more advanced content through integrated and clustered classroom settings. Availability of academic challenge opportunities is accelerated, and career exploration begins.

Who participates?

Students who score in the 97th percentile or above in one of the three areas of verbal, quantitative, or nonverbal reasoning ability on a state approved test may need the special services of the Gifted Program staff. Testing for the Gifted Program is administered two times per year. The standardized abilities test administered by the Altar Valley School District for this purpose is the Cognitive Abilities Test. Parents must sign a permission form prior to evaluation.

Students may be referred for testing by teachers, parents, other students, psychologists, or they may refer themselves. Referral forms are available at each school site. All students who are referred are tested at the next testing time unless they have taken the same exam within the last year.