



SEARCH PROGRAM GIFTED ENRICHMENT EDUCATION

Parent and Student Open House
WELCOME



Search Program Teachers

SCHOOL #3

Mr. Richard Leighton

SCHOOL #4 and #6

Mrs. Elaine Luderer

School #5

Mrs. Rachel O'Hanlon

Gifted Education in New Jersey

- Gifted programs in New Jersey have been mandated by the State Department of Education since the 1980's.
- The regulations define gifted students as: *Those students who possess or demonstrate high levels of ability, in one or more content areas, when compared to their chronological peers in the local district and who require modification of their educational program if they are to achieve in accordance with their capabilities.*

Programs

Program models might include:

- pull-out programs
- classroom-based instruction
- acceleration
- flexible pacing
- curriculum compacting
- advanced classes
- distance learning
- individualized programs

Programs and Funding

- Meeting the needs of gifted students is not an extracurricular activity or a club but a requirement for all New Jersey public schools.
- The state does not provide specific, dedicated funds for gifted programs.
- District Boards of Education are required to provide services using state aid and local revenues.

Identification

- The regulations require that students be compared with their peers in the local school district.
- New Jersey does not have state-level criteria such as mandated tests or assessments, grade point averages, or IQ scores.
- Local school districts must use multiple measures to identify students.

Cliffside Park Public Schools

Identification and Selection Criteria

Gifted/Enrichment Education

Assessment	1	2	3	4
Otis-Lennon School Ability x2	110-114	115-119	120-129	130+
NJ PARCC ELA/Literacy				
• Grade 4	810-830	831-850		
• Grade 5	790-820	821-850		
• Grade 6	799-819	820-850		
NJ PARCC Mathematics				
• Grade 4	790-820	821-850		
• Grade 5	796-820	821-850		
• Grade 6	790-820	821-850		
NJ ASK Science	275-284	285-300		
Report Card	Level 4- Exceeding NJ State and District standards (1-2 points)			
Teacher Input/Evaluation	30-39	40-52		
DRA	Above Level			
Parent Input				
Additional Information				

Cliffside Park Public Schools
Student Evaluation
Classroom Teacher Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

School: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

___ NEW recommendation ___ Needed as a result of test scores ___ Parent request for screening

Please circle the number that indicates the child's degree of the characteristics described below, as compared to students of the same age.

	Highly Able	Above Average	Average
Developmentally advanced, early reader	3	2	1
Quality of academic work is above grade level	3	2	1
Student has strong critical thinking skills	3	2	1
Learns at a rapid pace, solves problems easily	3	2	1
Gives detailed, thoughtful explanations	3	2	1
Shows greater understanding of topics compared to classmates	3	2	1
Has a large vocabulary, can express him/herself well	3	2	1
Has an unusually good memory	3	2	1
Shows imagination and originality; is creative and inventive	3	2	1
Has an adult-like sense of humor	3	2	1
Has a long attention span, good concentration	3	2	1
Is self-directed and independent	3	2	1
Shows a high level of task commitment	3	2	1
Is curious; asks thought provoking, searching questions which tend to be unlike those asked by other students of the same age	3	2	1
Is a keen and insightful observer; notes details and is quick to see similarities and differences; recognizes relationships, even ones that others miss	3	2	1
Maintains focus and commitment to group task	3	2	1
Demonstrates leadership qualities in informal and formal situations	3	2	1
Total Score =			

Teacher's Comments: *Please be sure to indicate any concerns with participation. A student should be able to keep up with the regular classroom curriculum and make-up missed work.

*Revised Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students

**CLIFFSIDE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CLIFFSIDE PARK, NEW JERSEY**

**Gifted/Enrichment Program
Identification
Multiple Measures Worksheet**

OLSAT _____

NJPARCC

English Language Arts _____

NJPARCC

Mathematics Performance _____

NJASK Science _____

Teacher Recommendation _____

Teacher Recommendation _____

Report Card - Grade _____

Report Card - Grade _____

**(Level 4 Exceeding NJ State and District
Standings)**

Parent Input _____

DRA _____

Additional Information _____

TOTAL Points _____

NAME _____ **SCHOOL** _____

GRADE _____ **DATE** _____

Curriculum

Topics for all grade levels:

- What's New?
- States and Capitals
- Debate
- Psychology for Kids
- Word Masters (Grades 4-6)
- Continental Math League
- Reading Challenge Checklist

Curriculum

GRADE 3-Math related topics:

- Pentominoes
- Cubeville
- Personal Sculpture
- Interview
- Let's Make Squares
- Build It/Build It Between
- Triangle Challenge
- Primary Education Thinking Skills (PETS)
- Properties of Water
- Logic Links

Curriculum

GRADE 4

- Owl Pellet Dissection
- Owl Research Project and Presentation
- Journey Around the World

GRADE 5

- Oyster Dissection
- Body Systems Project
- Vocabulary Assessment

Curriculum

GRADE 6

- Stock Market Game
- Toy Sale for Cliffside Park Public Library Children's Room

STEM Projects

- Marshmallow Challenge
- Egg Drop
- Building Bridges
- Electrical Circuits

What Can Parents Do To Help?

- Encourage your child to read at home.
- Take advantage of teachable moments. Build a fund of general knowledge.
- Visit the Cliffside Park Public Library.
- Communicate with the classroom teacher concerning DRA and PARCC assessments.
- Examine the textbooks that your children are using.
- Visit the Cliffside Park web site and view grade level curriculum maps.

What Can Parents Do To Help?

- Visit the New Jersey Department of Education web site to view New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for Language Arts Literacy, Math, and Science.
- Enjoy your family time!
- There is a hand-out containing activities for parents and children in our area. The activities include nature and science centers, museums, sports, art, The Gifted Child Society, Montclair State University, Bergen Academy, book lists for kids, and websites for parents.

READING CHALLENGE

A book with more than 300 pages _____

A book that became a movie _____

A book with a number in the title _____

A book with nonhuman characters _____

A funny book _____

A book by a female author _____

A mystery or thriller _____

A book with a one word title _____

A book of short stories _____

A book set in a different country _____

A nonfiction book _____

A book by a popular author _____

A book by an author you love _____

A book a friend recommended _____

A book based on a true story _____

A book your family loves _____

A book that scares you _____

A book more than 100 years old _____

A book based entirely on its cover _____

A memoir _____

A book you can finish in a day _____

A book that came out the year you were born _____

A trilogy _____

A favorite from your childhood _____

A book set in the future _____

A book set in school _____

A book with a color in the title _____

A book that made you cry _____

A book with magic _____

A graphic novel _____

A book by an author you've never read _____

A book you own but never read _____

A book set during a holiday _____

A play _____

A book related to a TV show _____

OTHERS

SUMMER ENRICHMENT IDEAS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

***READ!**

- *Visit the Cliffside Park Public Library.**
- *Read a children's magazine such as Ranger Rick, National Geographic World or Cricket (a literary magazine).**
- *Plan a meal for your family.**
- *See a movie and write a review.**
- *Read a restaurant review in the newspaper or on line and decide if your family would enjoy it.**
- *Eat in a restaurant and write a review.**
- *Start a collection.**
- *Take pictures of your summer adventures and display them on a poster.**
- *Examine the ingredients in a box of cereal. How much sugar and salt are in each serving? What additives and preservatives are listed?**
- *Reorganize your room.**
- *Paint a picture.**
- *Learn to locate our 50 states. Learn the 50 state capitals.**
- *Locate major rivers, cities, lakes, and mountain ranges in the United States.**
- *Plan a trip to a state of your choice. What cities would you visit and what would you do?**
- *Select a country. Learn about its major cities, geographic features, natural resources, government, and economy .**

- *Write a letter to a friend.**
- *Write a letter to a family member in another country.**
- *Memorize a favorite poem.**
- *Expand your Math skills using Khan Academy web site, www.khanacademy.org/.**
- *Read to a younger brother or sister.**
- *Walk around your neighborhood and identify trees and plants. Use nature guides from the CP Public Library.**
- *Make homemade pizza.**
- *Make a game that relates to next year's Social Studies or Science Curriculum. Check out nj common core standards.**
- *Design a tee shirt for your school.**
- *Make an obstacle course in your yard. Challenge your friends to complete it in the shortest time possible.**
- *Star gaze. Identify planets and constellations. Record the nightly changes in the moon.**
- *Try yoga.**
- *Make a frozen treat.**
- *Wash the family car.**
- *Make a list of educational web sites that your class can use next year.**
- *Create an art object using recycled materials.**

Activities for Parents and Children

Nature Centers and Science

- Tenafly Nature Center
- Flat Rock Brook Nature Center
- Closter Nature Center
- NY Botanical Garden
- Wave Hill -Bronx
- Meadowlands Environment Center
- McDowell Observatory at Meadowlands Environment Center- public viewing nights
- Buehler Columbia Amateur Astronomers Association
- Bergen Community College-public viewing nights
- New Jersey Audubon Centers
- Hackensack Riverkeeper-Nature Program Cooperative
- Hudson Highlands Nature Museum
- American Littoral Society-Family activities at the shore at Sandy Hook-Gateway National Park

Museums

- Newark Museum and Planetarium
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Museum of Natural History/Rose Center for Earth and Space
- Guggenheim Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- South Street Seaport

Gifted Enrichment

- The Gifted Child Society- Saturday and summer programs (testing required)
- Montclair University-Saturday and summer programs (testing required)
- Dwight Englewood School-Summer programs
- Bergen Academy Academy after Hours (Grades 4-12) Fall and Spring programs
- Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth

Sports

- Pioneer Golf Program-Bergen County Courses

Art

- Old Church Cultural Center-Demarest