



QUEST PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Mead School District's elementary highly capable program is designed to provide appropriate educational experiences for those students in grades four through six (Midway grades 4 and 5) who perform or show the potential to perform at a remarkably high level when compared to students of similar age, experience, or environment.

Mission/Vision

Within heterogeneous, inclusive learning groups and settings, the Quest Program provides an enriched, differentiated, accelerated and rigorous standards-based curriculum that presents learning at a pace, depth, and intensity that meets students' intellectual needs while simultaneously encouraging growth of individual potential.

Teachers

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Location

6th Grade Center (Old Northwood Middle School)

Bussing is provided to and from the Quest Program from students' home schools.

Classes:

Grade 4 – students served for approximately 45 minutes once per week

Grades 5 and 6 – students served for approximately two hours once per week

Curriculum

Grade 4 – critical thinking, creative thinking, and group problem solving activities; instruction designed to enhance skills needed in the 5th and 6th grade Quest classes

Grades 5 and 6 – theme based integrated units enriching students in the areas of math, science and the humanities; weekly warm-ups include a short creative thinking and critical thinking activity

Class Work Make-up Policy

Students are not to be penalized for instruction time missed in the regular classroom while in Quest. They should only be required to make-up class work that is part of an on-going unit of study and some action is required so the student can keep up with the class. An example might be that a student needs to read a chapter in a novel or a selection for social studies or science, however a corresponding classroom assignment to go with the reading should not be required to be made up by the Quest student.

Student Identification/Eligibility Requirements

Once a student enters the Quest Program, no new testing is required to move from 4th to 5th (to 6th) grades.