

Gifted Education Update



Board of Education Meeting: June 26, 2018

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Idea

Interesting Dimensions that Extend Abilities

The Idea Program offers distinct opportunities for students based on their unique learning pathways. The Darien Public Schools is committed to serving the needs of identified gifted students through rigorous, enriching, interdisciplinary programming through the domains of English Language Arts and Mathematics.



A Three Year Plan

Study Current Program

- Set Goals:
 - Establish a Program Vision
 - Review the Identification Process
 - Review the Curriculum Content

A Three Year Plan: Year One (2016-2017)

Goals: Study and Review Current Program and Establish a Program Vision

Guiding Question: What are the characteristics of a gifted learner and how will the Darien Public Schools meet the needs of students in Idea?

- Collected Feedback from Various Stakeholders
- Programs in our District Reference Group
- Developed a Program Vision

A Three Year Plan: Year Two (2017-2018)

Goal: Review the Identification Process

Guiding Question: Is our current identification process aligned to our program vision?

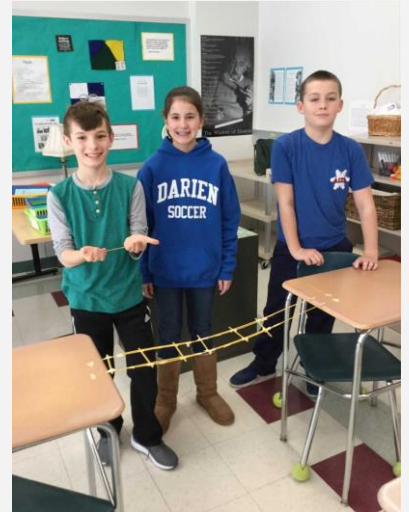
- Otis-Lennon School Ability Test
 - Degrees of Reading Power
 - Creative Writing Prompt
 - Renzulli Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students
 - Parent Questionnaire
 - Mathematics Assessment (TBD)
 - Torrance Test of Creativity
- **First Grade Referrals (January)**

A Three Year Plan: Year Three (2018-2019)

Goal-Review Curriculum Content

Guiding Question: How will the revised identification process affect the curriculum?

- Conduct assessment of curriculum and instruction (social emotional and intellectual)
- Revise Content of Curriculum
- Professional Development



Questions?

