

The Schoolwide Enrichment Model for Harrison Public Schools

The Harrison Public School District embraces our students' diverse cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Therefore, the goal of our gifted and talented program is to provide opportunities for students to explore their individual intellectual, artistic, and creative talents both inside the classroom and beyond. Our gifted and talented program draws upon research and curriculum development by eminent experts in the field of gifted education. Engineering, Biodiversity and Linguistics are just a few of the topics included in our comprehensive gifted and talented curriculum.

In the Harrison Public Schools, we strongly believe that it is vital that our students experience a diverse and engaging learning environment. Furthermore, we are committed to meeting the psychological and socioemotional needs of students. For all of these reasons, we provide students with educational alternatives that inform, challenge, and develop their academic abilities. At the same time, our district's gifted and talented program emphasizes the development of self-directed learners who continuously learn to analyze, investigate, and evaluate concepts and information.

The Schoolwide Enrichment Model is based on the research of Joseph Renzulli which promotes the belief that all scholars are gifted! Our Schoolwide Enrichment Program is comprehensive and diverse. Some of the activities include Chorus, Band, Drama Club, Yearbook, Dance, and Enrichment Mini Units through our Scholars Club. The Schoolwide Enrichment Program also includes scheduled time in environmental activities and many guest speakers at different grade levels on a variety of topics which include; DEA, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, Character Education, Environmental Specialists, and Holocaust Education. Our Schoolwide Enrichment Program also hosts activities that promote the literacy and overall academic progress of English Language Learners. The Harrison Public School District is also a member of the Hudson County Gifted and Talented Consortium for Student Enrichment and participates in several events, including Battle of the Books, CreativeFest, DreamFlags, Academic Bowl, and a Meadowlands Environmental Center Partnership. The Schoolwide Enrichment Program also provides clubs, field trips, classroom visits from guest presenters, and a variety of academic contests, in an effort to initiate and cultivate student excitement in their academic development.

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