

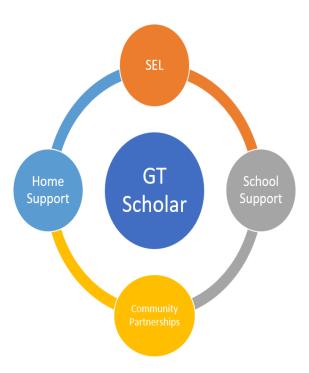
Glassboro School District

Gifted and Talented Program

Curriculum Continuum Outline

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Students enrolled in the Gifted and Talented (GT) Program will obtain appropriate instructional adaptations and services to encourage development of their special abilities in achieving the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Glassboro's GT Program designs its practices and approach with the identified scholar in mind. The image below outlines the levels of support that will be provided for those involved in the GT community throughout the school year. Providing ongoing support to the individual scholar, their parents/guardians, teachers, and promoting community partnerships will maximize the experience for GT scholars.





Student SEL (Social Emotional Learning)

- •Skill Refinement
- •Coping Strategies
- Character Development

School Support

- •Curriculum Considerations and Support Tools
- Professional Development for Teachers
- •Building and Strengthening School Community

Community Partnerships

- •Establish and Maintain Partnerships
- •Guest Speakers
- Trips/Exposure
- •Community Outreach Projects

Home Support

- •Parent/Guardian Webpage
- Additional Resources
- Ongoing Communication

The GT Curriculum is designed to help students grow as individual learners and to grow as team members. The overarching goal is for GT scholars to reach their full potential using a variety of approaches including thematic units, **project and problem based learning (PBL)**, technology integration, and leadership development. It is important that students develop their gifts and talents and be challenged to use them to serve the community. This ideology is a fundamental principle to promote our GT scholars to identify, develop and utilize their abilities to ignite change in the world.



GT Curriculum Continuum Outline*

Grades 1-2 LINK

- Theme: Peace Out Pollution
- Goal/Rationale: In collaboration with <u>Empowered Schools</u> and The Philadelphia Zoo, scholars will design a student-led campaign to raise awareness on the impact of pollution. Students' work will be on display at Bullock School for Earth Day, as well as submitted as a project for the Philadelphia Zoo's <u>UNLESS Contest</u>.

Grade 3 LINK

- Theme: Engineering on Wheels (EOW)
- Goal/Rationale: In partnership with Rowan University, our scholars will take
 part in <u>EOW</u>, a mobile engineering outreach program. Engineering students
 from Rowan will bring lessons that cover STEM, hands-on activities and
 experiments. Our students will gain an authentic experience, while being
 challenged in the area of STEM.

Grades 4-5 LINK

- Theme: Flight Unit
- Goal/Rationale: Fourth and Fifth Graders Take Flight is a thematic unit of study that uses a cross-disciplinary approach for gifted learners to soar into the principles of flight. Students will dive into this exploratory unit that will challenge and develop their critical thinking skills. Students will be presented with problem-solving scenarios to help students develop their practical real-world application skills. An array of resources will be used, including interactions with experts in the field, and a partnership with Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

Grades 6-8 LINK

- Theme: Mock Trial
- Goal/Rationale: In conjunction with New Jersey State Bar Foundation (NJSBF) and Gloucester County Superior Court, students will take part in <u>Law</u>



Adventures Mock Trial Competition. Grade 8 scholars will serve as jurors to familiarize themselves with mock trial proceedings, while Grades 6 and 7 scholars will be tasked to write their own trial with the assistance of experts in the field. Both grade levels will perform their case in an actual courtroom, in collaboration with Classroom to Courtroom, a program that links real judges to students in the community.

- Theme: STEAM Carnival
- Goal/Rationale: Scholars will be tasked to become project managers as they
 design a Math Carnival for the entire second grade. Students will expose our
 younger learners to STEAM as they facilitate an activity of their interest using
 their creativity and leadership skills.

Glassboro High School (GHS)

Academies and Beyond

Students in grades 9-12 are enriched during the school day, with participation in honors and advanced placement courses. Glassboro School District offers Performing Arts, STEM (including Biomedical Track), and <a href="Business Leadership Academies/School Choice Programs. The programs offer Rowan University college credit earning opportunities to many of our junior and senior students.

*Curriculum activities may change due to unforeseen circumstances, availability and/or to better meet students' diverse and growing needs. The district also offers other enrichment programming outside of GT. Examples include honors band, choir, after school clubs, leadership programs, accelerated math courses, and sports. We are committed to helping all students find areas of interest and provide opportunities for development.

PARENT RESOURCES