



NEWPORT'S GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM

— MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER —

Nurturing Potential. Inspiring Excellence. Building Futures.

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WHY GIFTED EDUCATION MATTERS



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Gifted students are more than high test scores.



They think
deeply and
creatively.



They solve
problems and
take on challenges.



They have the
potential to lead
and make an impact.



Our goal is to identify, nurture,
and challenge students so they
can reach their full potential.



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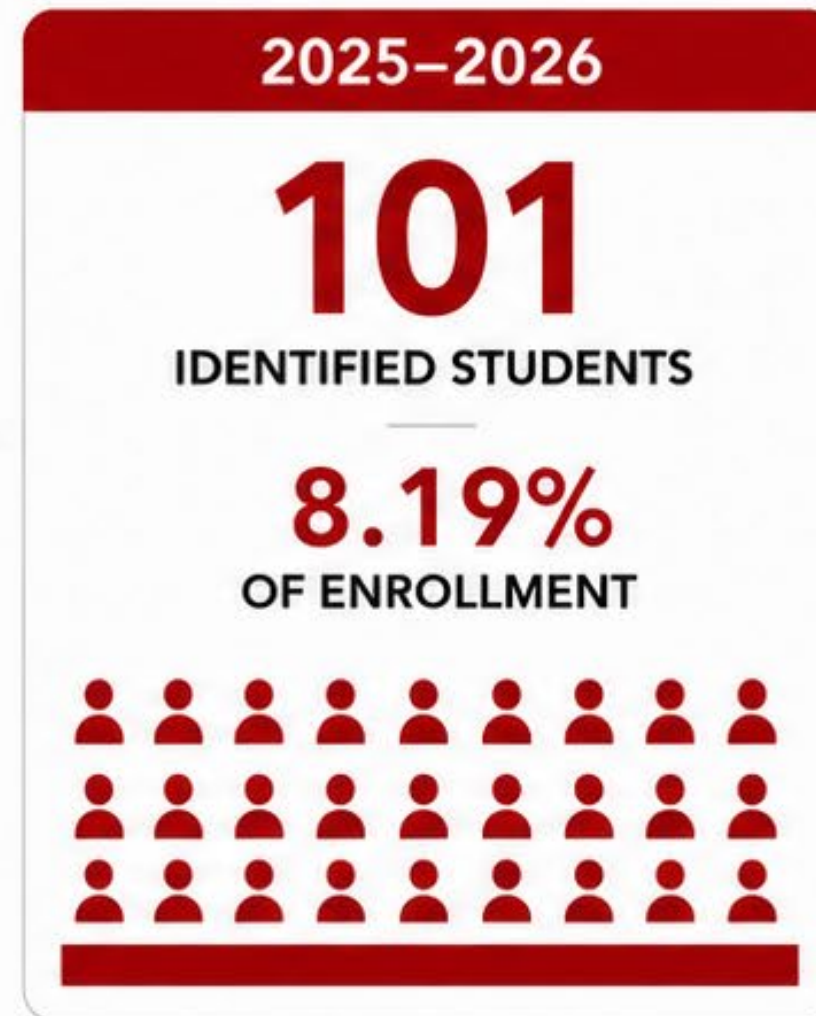
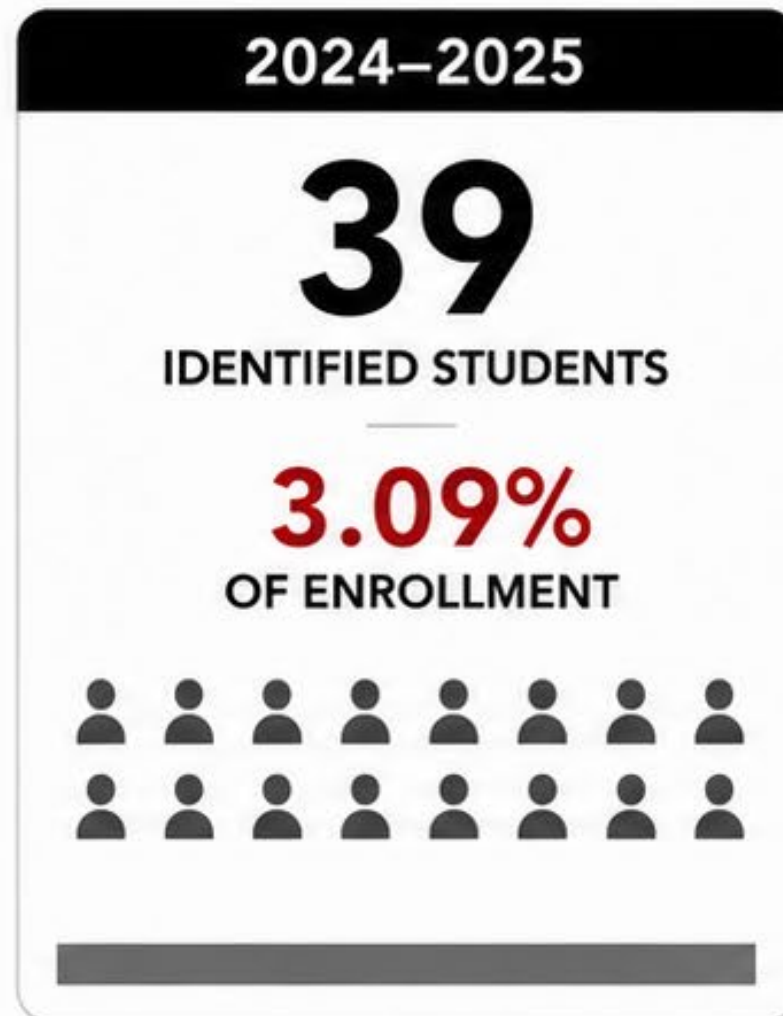
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OUR GROWING PROGRAM

Significant **growth** in identifying and supporting gifted students.



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+62
NEWLY IDENTIFIED
STUDENTS



159%
INCREASE IN IDENTIFIED
STUDENTS



IDENTIFICATION INCREASED
FROM
3.09% TO 8.19%
OF ENROLLMENT



111
TOTAL GIFTED DESIGNATIONS
(vs. 55 in 2024–2025)



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3 HOW STUDENTS ARE IDENTIFIED

A Multi-Step Process to Recognize Potential and Support Student Growth



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REFERRALS

Referrals may come from parents/guardians, teachers, counselors, self, and community members.

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SCREENING

Universal screening of all students using locally adopted and approved measures.

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MULTIPLE MEASURES REVIEW

A variety of data is collected and reviewed by the GT Identification Committee.

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COMMITTEE REVIEW

The GT Identification Committee reviews all data to determine eligibility based on state and local guidelines.

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ELIGIBILITY & SERVICES

Students who meet criteria are identified as gifted & talented and provided appropriate services and enrichment.



GT identification is not a one-time event. Students are continually supported, and re-evaluated as they grow. Services are flexible and designed to meet individual strengths and needs.

Our process ensures:

- ✓ Fair and equitable identification
- ✓ Multiple opportunities for recognition
- ✓ The right support at the right time



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4 GROWING EQUITY THROUGH IDENTIFICATION

More students. More representation. More opportunities.

STUDENT GROUP	2024–2025 (BASELINE)	2025–2026 (CURRENT)	CHANGE
 ENGLISH LEARNERS	0	8	 +8 (NEWLY IDENTIFIED)
 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (IEP)	0	8	 +8 (NEWLY IDENTIFIED)
 FREE/REDUCED- PRICE MEALS	26	83	 +57 (INCREASE)
 HOMELESS	3	8	 +5 (INCREASE)
 TOTAL GIFTED DESIGNATIONS	55	111	 +56 (INCREASE)



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ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS

Our identification practices are reaching more students across all groups, ensuring every student with gifted potential has the opportunity to be recognized and supported.



OF ALL STUDENTS
ARE NOW IDENTIFIED
AS **GIFTED & TALENTED**
Up from 3.09% in 2024–2025



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5 OUR GIFTED CONTINUUM

Growing **potential** from early talent to advanced achievement.



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IGNITE *Bright Stars*

K-3 TALENT POOL

Recognizing and nurturing advanced potential through observation, enrichment, and early talent development.

- ★ Creativity
- ★ Leadership
- ★ Problem Solving
- ★ Critical Thinking
- ★ Academic Potential
- ★ Curiosity

STUDENTS RECEIVE:

- Enrichment opportunities
- Higher-level thinking activities
- Creativity challenges
- Leadership experiences
- Teacher observation and support



GOAL:

Develop talent so students have opportunities to demonstrate gifted behaviors and be considered for formal identification.



TALENT
DEVELOPMENT



OBSERVATION &
ENRICHMENT



FORMAL IDENTIFICATION
GRADE 4 AND BEYOND

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GRADES 4-12 GIFTED PROGRAM

Formally identified students receive advanced learning opportunities across multiple areas.



Differentiated
Instruction



Enrichment



Competitions



Leadership



Creativity &
Arts



Independent
Study



College & Career
Readiness



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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Challenge. Engage. Inspire.

We provide meaningful opportunities that help our gifted students discover their **passions**, develop their **potential**, and achieve **excellence**.



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ADVANCED LEARNING

High-level thinking, problem solving, and critical inquiry.



CREATIVITY & THE ARTS

Opportunities to explore, create, and express original ideas.



COMPETITIONS & ACADEMIC CHALLENGES

Academic teams, contests, and challenges that build confidence and achievement.



ENRICHMENT & EXPLORATION

Clubs, projects, and independent learning experiences that spark curiosity and innovation.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Developing responsibility, communication, and leadership skills through meaningful roles and experiences.



REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS

Connecting learning to real-world issues, careers, and community partnerships.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Building future leaders through mentorship, service, and student-led initiatives.



ENRICHMENT & EXTENSION

Challenging students beyond the classroom to deepen learning and accelerate growth.



COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Preparing students for success in high school, college, and beyond.



CREATIVITY IN ACTION

Fostering innovation, imagination, and original thinking.



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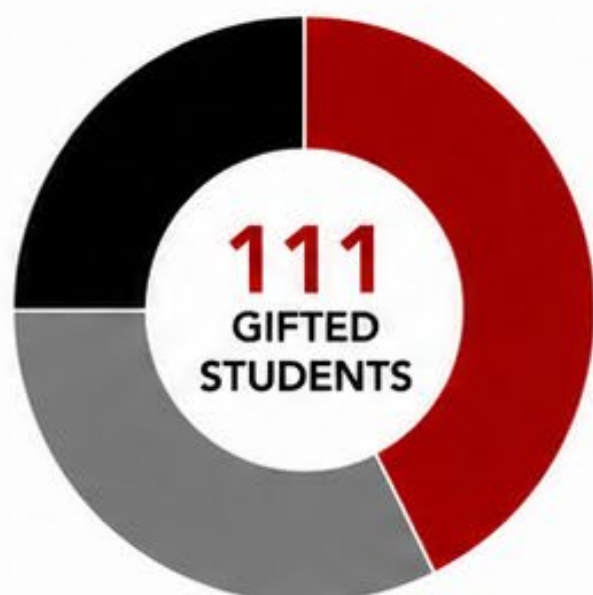
PARTICIPATION & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Stronger together. Supporting every gifted learner.



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OUR GIFTED COMMUNITY



- **4-5**
48 students
(43%)
- **6-8**
37 students
(33%)
- **9-12**
26 students
(24%)



We are committed to growing participation and ensuring every gifted student is **challenged**, **supported**, and **inspired**.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Regular Communication
Program updates, newsletters, and important information.



Family Workshops
Opportunities to learn about gifted education and support at home.



Community Partnerships
Working with local organizations to expand opportunities.



Family Involvement
Encouraging participation in events, celebrations, and decision making.



Celebrating Success
Recognizing student achievements and sharing their stories.

OUR GOAL



To ensure every gifted student has access to high-quality opportunities and that families are **engaged partners** in their child's success.

HOW FAMILIES CAN GET INVOLVED

- ✓ Attend parent meetings and workshops
- ✓ Encourage curiosity and learning at home
- ✓ Stay connected with teachers and the GT program
- ✓ Celebrate your child's talents and efforts
- ✓ Join us in building a culture of excellence



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WHAT'S NEXT

SUSTAINING GROWTH. EXPANDING IMPACT.

Building on our success. Creating more opportunities for gifted learners.



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1. GROW OUR REACH

Continue increasing identification and ensuring equity across all student groups.

- Expand outreach and awareness in all schools
- Strengthen early identification
- Monitor and close opportunity gaps



2. ENHANCE PROGRAMS

Provide enriching, rigorous experiences that challenge and inspire every gifted learner.

- Expand advanced academics and enrichment
- Increase real-world and project-based learning
- Leverage technology and innovation



3. STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS

Collaborate with families, staff, and community partners to maximize impact.

- Engage families as partners in learning
- Build connections with local organizations and businesses
- Share successes and celebrate student achievements



4. DRIVE EXCELLENCE

Use data and feedback to make ongoing improvements and measure our impact.

- Track progress and outcomes
- Gather feedback and adjust
- Set bold goals and hold ourselves accountable



OUR COMMITMENT: Every gifted student. Every opportunity. Every day.

Together, we will continue to inspire, challenge, and empower our gifted students to reach their full potential.



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OUR VISION FOR 2026-2027

Continued **identifying students** through multiple measures.



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Continue identifying students through multiple measures.

- Use multiple sources of data to identify potential and performance.



Expand advanced academics and enrichment learning.

- Provide rigorous, engaging opportunities that challenge and inspire every gifted learner.



Increase identifications in **creativity and arts**.

- Strengthen recognition of creative potential across all grade levels.



Grow **IGNITE** Bright Stars (K-3 Talent Pool) and prepare students for formal identification (4-12).

- Build a strong foundation for future academic and creative success.



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THANK YOU!



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Together, we are empowering gifted learners
and building a brighter future for Newport.



THANK YOU

to our students,
teachers, families,
and community for
your continued support.



TOGETHER

we inspire, challenge,
and prepare our
students to lead
with excellence.



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with purpose,
passion, and pride
in every student's
potential.



THE FUTURE

is bright, and
the best is yet
to come!

◆ *Moving Forward Together* ◆



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