



The Toledo Public Schools Gifted Program

Toledo Public Schools' Mission is to produce competitive college and career ready graduates through a rigorous curriculum across all grade levels by implementing Ohio's New Learning Standards with fidelity.

Vision: Toledo Public Schools strives to be an 'A-rated' school district whose graduates are college and career ready.

Core Commitments:

- **Student-Centered:** District wide decisions and operations will be built around the best interest of students.
- **Accountability-Based Management:** Maintain an accountability system that will have a direct impact on student growth.
- **Building Stronger Relationships:** Continue to build and strengthen and broaden the relationships TPS has with all stakeholders and local organizations while working to establish full community inclusion.
- **Technology Oriented:** Maintain a technology based environment that meets the needs of the new digital age, which consists of current and future students.
- **Rigorous Curriculum:** Continue to research the best practices and offer relevant professional development that aligns with 21st century national and state standards, thus ensuring students gain the competitive skills required to success in a global economy.

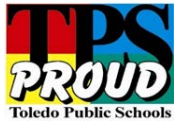
The Gifted Program within Toledo Public Schools will support gifted students as they learn and grow throughout each school year by providing educational opportunities that match their unique abilities.

TPS Gifted Program Goals:

- To identify students who qualify as gifted based on the Ohio Department of Education requirements.
- To provide learning experiences correlated with the total educational program that provide increased opportunity for individual rates of growth.
- To provide group and independent experiences/activities that will develop and stimulate productive, critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- To develop independent research study skills and provide self-directing learning experiences to enable students to become lifelong learners.
- To provide opportunities which expose students to new areas of endeavor.

Each gifted student will have a Written Education Plan (WEP) that includes goals for enrichment and for supporting further development of the student's gifts and talents. The WEP guides instruction for the student and helps the student's teachers design effective instruction.

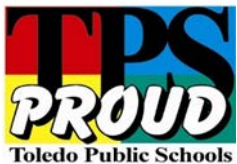
Gifted students will utilize technology to research for projects, to create power points and presentations and "published" works, and develop their 21st century skills.



TPS Gifted Program Information Sheet

5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Gifted Program

- Gifted classes for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students will be held in three locations: Bowsher, Start, and DeVilbiss.
- The DeVilbiss location will serve students from the Rogers, Scott, Waite, and Woodward learning communities. Bowsher will serve students from the Bowsher learning community, and Start will serve students from the Start learning community.
- 8:00 to 8:45 AM daily – music or gifted enrichment time. DeVilbiss will offer orchestra and band opportunities for grades 5-7. We are still confirming the options at Bowsher and Start.
- Gifted students can ride a bus from their elementary school to their gifted classrooms daily. Pick up times range from 6:55 to 7:30 AM daily during the current school year. Next year's bus schedule will be in place before the start of school and will be shared with students and parents. Parents may also drop off their student directly to their specific gifted location at 7:45 AM.
- Gifted 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students will have breakfast at their gifted location.
- English Language Arts (ELA) and Math classes are held between 8:45 and 11:15 AM daily. 1:20 AM buses leave the high school to transport elementary gifted students back to their home schools.
- Gifted 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students will have lunch, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music, and PE in their K-8 buildings.
- Common core learning standards are the basis for the curriculum in these gifted classes. Students have access to Board Adopted curricular materials as well as supplemental materials that work to enrich and to extend the standards as appropriate.
- Gifted ELA and Math classes will begin during the first full week of school on Wednesday, August 21, 2019.
- A special gifted open house will be scheduled in each gifted location during the second or third week of school. Parents will be notified in August of the date for each of these open house events.



TPS Gifted Program Parent Meeting

Please provide your contact information.

Student _____

Grade _____ Home elementary school _____

Address _____

Parent name(s) _____

Mother phone number _____

Mother email _____

Father phone number _____

Father email _____