



Welcome back

FROM THE MCPS GIFTED ED DEPT.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN GIFTED ED?

- This year we are working to implement a new, project-based curriculum to support your gifted and high-performing students, called Defined Learning. This program is designed to support the work around the standards you are already doing in your classroom, and serves as an extension opportunity for your students in need of enrichment.
- For grades 3-5, in your grade-level Reporting by Trimester documents, you will see Defined Learning projects attached to the Level 4 proficiency rubric where applicable for Trimester 1. You will not see these attached to every standard, just the ones with meaningful projects that are easily assigned through the Defined Learning platform.
- For grades K-2, stay tuned! We have plans to update your Reporting by Trimester documents ASAP.

How can I support gifted and high-performing students in my classroom?

- Implement Defined Learning in your classroom! Check out [this video](#) to learn more!
- Identify their strengths as well as areas for growth. Offer differentiated extension opportunities to expand their learning (do not just assign "more work").
- Utilize district library resources as enrichment within your classroom.
- Have ongoing projects that students can come back to when they are already at a Level 3 of mastery in a standard.
- Make a referral when it opens in October if you believe there is a student in your class who is gifted but not yet identified.

HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCES

Check out these resources from our [District Library](#)! If you want to check them out or any of the other great resources available, let us know and we can help!



Keva Structures

Great station activities to have within your room. Pair with a STEAM activity, a writing prompt, or leave open-ended and see what your students create! With sizes starting at 20 pieces, or 400, or all the way up to 1,500 pieces, there is something for everyone!