

## HLS GIFTED OVERVIEW

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Gifted students do not always color inside the lines. Sometimes they do, but often their unique way of thinking or performing guides them away from the usual or expected way of how something is done. Their uniqueness isn't seen in shades of gray but rather colorful bursts that call our attention. At Hamilton we are committed to recognizing how our gifted students stand out and to giving them ways to color the world.

Our gifted education program seeks to support the academic and emotional needs of our gifted students through challenging curricula, engaging activities, encouragement, and guidance. We maintain our focus on several important components of gifted education, including:

- Aligning to Ohio Gifted Operating Standards and the Department of Education Guidelines
- Reviewing best practices and research and follow a continuous improvement model
- Building educational capacity within our teachers working with gifted students
- Analyzing data to determine the best curricular and programming options for our gifted students
- Improving our communication with all stakeholders

The different colors throughout this guide remind us of our commitment to recognize the unique, varied talents of our gifted students and to give them ways to express and grow their abilities.

