

DISTRICT 102 TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM VISION

The Talent Development Program will be an integral component of District 102. It will be embedded into a district-wide **community** of learners that strives for excellence in education through an emphasis on talent development for all. In our community of learners, students are provided with the appropriate level of challenge to enhance academic risk-taking and personal responsibility toward learning.

DISTRICT 102 TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MISSION

A key mission of Elementary School District 102 is to develop the academic abilities and personal attributes of all students. We believe that within our student population are high ability learners, those who possess either high levels of performance or high levels of potential in a variety of academic areas and/or expressions of talent. Because these high levels are found in children from all backgrounds and experiences, homes and schools must work together to discover these students, meet their educational needs, and monitor their academic, social, and emotional growth.

The school district will strive to provide challenging, appropriate curriculum for all learners, including those who perform (or have the potential to perform) at high levels. This intent is best accomplished within the school district through a variety of services and settings targeting specific learner needs; some of which might not ordinarily be provided in the core curriculum. The school and the community will make it a priority to match services and settings inside and outside of the general classroom with the unique intellectual, social, and emotional needs of high ability students.

District 102 believes that by designing specialized programs intended to enhance district curriculum and develop talent, we will foster within high ability learners individual excellence through advanced understandings and skills. By nurturing and challenging all students to their fullest potential, we will prepare future leaders and lifelong learners for an ever-changing world.

DISTRICT 102 TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GOALS

- To provide appropriate complexity, pacing, instruction, and resources commensurate with high ability
- To promote learning with and from intellectual peers
- To foster social and emotional development unique among high ability learners