



## Poudre High School



PHS's Gifted and Talented Program acknowledges the advanced student's personal, social, and academic needs and supports growth and achievement with differentiated learning in classroom curriculum, with extracurricular opportunities, and community-based experiences. PHS's GT coordinator and staff provide a responsive climate and relevant learning experiences that foster intellectual curiosity and critical and creative thinking for high student achievement. We provide opportunities for exploration in areas of personal interest. PHS's GT Program is designed to teach students how to recognize and use their potential and to become successful, self-directed learners.

<https://sites.google.com/psdschools.org/phscounseling/home>



**213**

Average GT students

**1,420**

Total student enrollment



### Programming Opportunities for Gifted Learners

**Content extensions:** Advance courses (IB, AP, and Concurrent Enrollment College Courses) offer curriculum above and beyond the traditional classroom. Some of these courses offer dual credit (both high school and college/university credit). Check out the PHS Curriculum Guide on the PHS Counselor Webpage and/or institution of higher learning of interest for more information.

**Differentiation for gifted in regular classroom:** All teachers in the school implement choice in process and product for many of the courses offered. Tiered lessons are common in all classrooms.

**Acceleration opportunities:** Gifted Students select accelerated courses based on their interests.

## Site-Based Gifted and Talented Services Overview

In addition, Concurrent Enrollment College courses (at FRCC) are available for students who wish to continue in any given subject once they have exhausted all options within the school.

**Structure (grouping of students):** Students are grouped with intellectual peers in chosen classes (Pathway, IB, AP, CE), in the students' areas of strength. Gifted students also have opportunities to learn with other gifted students in after-school and during school enrichment opportunities when their interests overlap with other gifted learners' interests.



### Gifted and Talented site coordinator:

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## Overview of the GT program at this school



- **The gifted program at Poudre High School Focuses on academic rigor with social and emotional support. At PHS, the counseling department supports the needs of gifted learners through academic and social/emotional counseling.**

## Advanced Learning Plan process at this school



Poudre High School gifted students write combined ALP/ICAP goals independently in the Xello online platform.

## Enrichment opportunities for GT students at this school



For more information regarding some course descriptions, please visit our Academics Tab at PHS's website at: Home | Poudre High School ([psdschools.org](http://psdschools.org)) PHS offers many educational choices, Gifted students in all grades select challenging and rigorous courses in their area of giftedness or passion, beginning with MYP courses (9-10th grade), progressing to IB (11-12th grade), AP, and Concurrent Enrollment (college) courses, following the prescribed pathway for each area. PHS also offers several basic and advanced arts, music, and theatre courses and opportunities.

- Robotics
- Science Bowl
- Science Olympiad
- Ocean Science Bowl
- Knowledge Bowl
- Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Model U.N
- Debate Team
- Math Olympiad

This is not an exhaustive list. Visit the Poudre High School Activities page to see what else is offered and to get more information. <https://phs.pdschools.org/activities>

### Affective programming for GT students



Students are encouraged to meet with their counselor to discuss common social and emotional issues which might include perfectionism, peer relationships, organization, and finding/maintaining balance. Visit the PHS Counselor Webpage for more information.

### Grade-specific GT services



**Grades 9-12:** College/Career Research and Planning (in Freshman Seminar classes, Counselor Presentations, etc., and reviewed annually with counselor)

**Grade 11:** Junior Meeting in Spring (application, college visit, and scholarship application planning with counselor)

**Grade 12:** Senior Meeting in Fall (application, college visit, and scholarship application planning with counselor)