

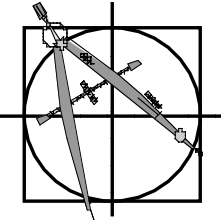


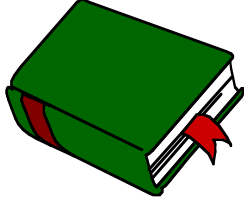
Henrico County Public Schools Gifted Education Program for Grades 4-5

RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Henrico County Public Schools offers the following services to provide academic challenge for elementary gifted and advanced learners:

- A continuous process of gifted identification based on the use of multiple criteria.
- Advanced Curriculum Essentials Cards for English, mathematics, science and social studies.
- Problem-based learning units developed by William and Mary Center for Gifted Education.
- Use of differentiated instructional strategies including advanced content, student choice, and emphasis on peer, self and teacher assessment.

The following enrichment opportunities are available for gifted and advanced students at Ridge Elementary School.

	<p>Children’s Engineering: Students use evaluative, divergent and innovative thinking while completing hands-on activities which focus on design, engineering and technology.</p>		<p>Readers’ Theatre: Participants read from scripts and interpret works of literature. The theatrical emphasis involves voice interpretation, projection, inflection, and pronunciation of extended vocabulary.</p>
<p>Sunshine Math: This program involves problem solving and critical thinking skills that enhance students’ abilities to analyze and interpret data. Students work independently on self-selected word problems.</p>		<p>Twenty-Four Game Challenge: Innovative math games designed to improve creative problem solving.</p>	

Teachers participate in training opportunities in gifted education through:

- graduate courses in gifted education.
- Henrico County Public Schools Summer Institute Programs in characteristics of gifted learners, social-emotional needs of gifted learners, differentiation of instruction, and student assessment and evaluation.
- attendance at state and national gifted conferences.
- after-school workshops.

For additional information regarding gifted and advanced education programs at Ridge Elementary School, contact Erin Rettig, School Resource Teacher, at 673-3745.