

Friendly Hills Middle School Gifted and Talented Model 2017-18



The Friendly Hills Middle School Gifted and Talented instructional model is based on the cluster model with an emphasis on differentiation and co-teaching. Gifted and Talented students in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade are grouped into Language Arts classrooms that are co-taught with the Language Arts and Gifted and Talented teacher. In these daily classes students apply grade level language arts standards with a higher level of complexity and rigor. Instructional emphasis is given to personalized learning, high level critical thinking, communication and collaboration skills.

In Addition to co-teaching in Language Arts, Friendly Hills' full time Gifted and Talented Specialist is available to assist with planning to modify and differentiate curriculum in all content areas. The GT Specialist is also available as a resource and advocate for Gifted and Talented students and families.

Friendly Hills Middle School offers an [Accelerated Math Pathway](#) that compacts math curriculum for grades 5-8. Students must meet MAP and MCA criteria to be eligible.

Gifted and Talented students have the opportunity to participate in the following enrichment programs offered to all students:

[Odyssey of the Mind](#),

Live Green,

Friendly Farmers,

[Math League](#),

[Future Cities](#),

Student Council,

[Geography Bee](#),

[Spelling Bee](#),

[Model United Nations](#),

Chess,

[Young Authors Conference](#),

WEB(Where Everyone Belongs) leaders,

[Battle of the Books](#).

The Gifted and Talented Instructional Model is continually monitored and adjusted to meet each building's needs through collaboration with district and building leadership.