

Goals and Objectives of the Petal School District Gifted Studies Program

1. To provide a differentiated curriculum that incorporates student interests, strengths and learning styles.
 - a. Students will complete an interest inventory to be used in planning curriculum
 - b. Students will complete a learning style and personal strength inventory to determine teaching methods.
2. To enhance student self-awareness
 - a. Students will identify their own strengths and weaknesses.
 - b. Students will recognize their individual talents and exhibit them in a responsible manner.
3. To develop creativity and thinking skills
 - a. Students will exhibit creativity skills at appropriate levels according to individual abilities
 - b. Students will demonstrate the use of thinking skills at appropriate levels according to individual abilities.
4. To develop skills necessary to become future leaders.
 - a. Students will identify characteristics of leaders.
 - b. Students will exhibit leadership skills at appropriate levels according to individual abilities.
5. To provide a curriculum that promotes lifelong learning
 - a. Students will choose to participate in advanced classes and/or college preparatory or special area classes
 - b. Through a survey, students will express a desire to continue their education at a higher level or attend college.
6. To develop an awareness of the social-emotional needs of gifted learners and coping strategies.