

Gifted Programs

What it is

Gifted programs are **specialized services**, not just harder classes.

They are designed for students whose:

- Cognitive development is **significantly above grade level**
- Learning style is **qualitatively different**, not just faster

Key Features

- Accelerated curriculum (often 1–2+ years ahead)
- Heavy emphasis on:
 - Abstract reasoning
 - Critical & creative thinking
 - Problem solving
 - Interdisciplinary learning
- Less repetition, more inquiry
- Explicit attention to:
 - Perfectionism
 - Intensity
 - Peer belonging

Who it's for

Students who:

- Learn very quickly
- Think deeply and abstractly
- Become bored or disengaged without challenge
- Need intellectual peers to thrive

Gifted ≠ high grades only

Big Picture

Aspect	Gifted Program
Purpose	Meet unique cognitive needs
Focus	How students think & learn
Subjects	All core subjects
Identification	Formal testing + criteria
Pace	Faster and deeper
Depth	Very deep, conceptual
Peer Grouping	With intellectual peers
Social-Emotional Support	Explicitly included

Development of Higher-Order Thinking

Gifted programs emphasize:

- Critical thinking
- Abstract reasoning
- Creative and divergent thinking
- Problem solving and inquiry

Students are expected to:

- Explain reasoning
- Make connections across subjects
- Tackle complex, open-ended problems

Nurturing Potential (Not Just Current Performance)

These programs aim to:

- Cultivate long-term academic and creative potential
- Build independence, resilience, and self-advocacy
- Encourage intellectual risk-taking

Gifted education is about **who students can become**, not just what they already know.

"天才班"课程 (Gifted Programs)

一、什么是"天才班"课程

"天才班"课程是一种专门化的教育服务，而不仅仅是“更难的课程”。

这些课程专为以下学生设计：

- 其认知发展水平显著高于年级水平
- 其学习方式在本质上不同，而不仅仅是学习速度更快

二、主要特点

课程加速

- 课程内容通常比年级水平提前 **1-2 年或更多**

重点强调以下能力：

- 抽象推理
- 批判性与创造性思维
- 问题解决能力
- 跨学科学习

教学方式特点：

- 减少重复性练习
- 增加探究式学习

明确关注学生的社会情感需求：

- 完美主义倾向
 - 情绪与思维强度
 - 与同伴的归属感
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三、适合哪些学生

"天才班"课程适合以下学生：

- 学习新知识非常快
- 思维深刻且具有高度抽象性
- 在缺乏挑战的环境中容易感到无聊或失去学习动力
- 需要与智力水平相当的同伴一起学习，才能充分发展潜能

"天才班"学生 ≠ 仅仅成绩好

四、整体框架 (Big Picture)

方面	"天才班"课程
目标	满足学生独特的认知需求
关注重点	学生如何思考与学习
学科范围	所有核心学科
识别方式	正式测评 + 综合标准
学习节奏	更快且更深入
学习深度	高度概念化、深入
同伴分组	与智力同伴一起
社会情感支持	明确纳入课程设计

五、高阶思维能力的发展

"天才班"课程特别强调：

- 批判性思维
- 抽象推理
- 创造性与发散性思维
- 问题解决与探究能力

学生通常需要：

- 清楚地解释自己的思考过程
 - 在不同学科之间建立联系
 - 解决复杂、开放性的问题
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六、培养潜能 (不仅是当前成绩)

"天才班"课程的目标不仅是当下表现，更包括：

- 培养学生长期的学术与创造性潜能

- 建立独立性、抗挫力与自我倡导能力
- 鼓励学生进行智力层面的冒险与探索

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