

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR SEM APPROACH:

- 📖 All teachers trained in gifted education.
- 🎯 Focus on the individual child through a Total Talent Portfolio that stays with the student year to year.
- 📝 A Homework Philosophy that allows for choice and family time. Students read, pursue their passions, and work on personal learning goals.
- 🦋 Enrichment Clusters for three different rounds each school year.
- 💻 1:1 Chromebooks in grades 3-5 for technology enhanced collaboration & learning.
- 🌱 Curriculum Compacting and small group learning and support time to facilitate student-driven exploration, research and projects.
- 👨‍👩‍👧 Many parent & community engagement opportunities!

WE BELIEVE IN & SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS':

- 🌱 STRENGTHS
- 🎨 PASSIONS
- 📖 TALENTS
- 🌐 INTERESTS



LEARN MORE ABOUT US:

Check our website for tour information!



ACACIA MAGNET SCHOOL FOR ENRICHED LEARNING

A Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) magnet school that strives for joyful learning based on research and best practices in gifted education

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OUR MISSION:

With a focus on the individual student, we aim to challenge and enrich every child's education by facilitating both academic and affective learning opportunities to build a foundation for critical thinking, achievement, innovation and success. Through the 3 E's of Enjoyment, Enthusiasm, and Engagement all students can learn at high levels.

OUR FOCUS:

- Enrichment for all students through high levels of engagement.
- Enjoyable & challenging learning experiences constructed from students' interests, passions, learning styles and preferred modes of expression.

OUR PHILOSOPHY:

Acacia's Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) engages all students in memorable activities to enhance the existing curriculum.

SEM is based on a model for gifted education developed by Dr. Joseph Renzulli and Dr. Sally Reis at the University of Connecticut.

Through SEM we provide enriched learning experiences and deeper learning opportunities for all children via three goals:

1. Develop talents in all children
2. Provide a broad range of advanced-level enrichment experiences
3. Provide advanced follow-up opportunities for children based on their strengths & interests

OUR ENRICHMENT CLUSTERS:

- Provide truly joyful learning experiences
- Enhance overall achievement
- Instill self-confidence
- Encourage collaboration

Let's Get Growing
Anyone can grow a beautiful garden. A garden affects all areas of our lives. Insects, butterflies, birds, bees are all dependent on gardens for their survival. Come explore how you can make a difference in your world.

Puppet Pals
Do you like to pretend? Or create? Are you interested in performing? Come join Puppet Pals Enrichment Cluster where we will explore and create different types of puppets, discover how to manipulate puppets, maybe even build a puppet stage! Bring your imagination and be ready to have fun!

BREAKOUT EDU
Grades 3-5
Are you good at solving puzzles and riddles? Are you up for the challenge of using clues to discover the answer? Can YOU crack the code? Come join the BREAKOUT EDU enrichment cluster! We will use critical thinking, collaboration and creativity to **BREAK OUT** of different games. You may even be inspired to become the game MAKER!

ADVANCED CONTENT

STUDENT DRIVEN

AUTHENTIC

PRODUCT OR SERVICE

OUR ENRICHMENT MODEL IN ACTION:

Type I - General Exploratory Activities
We infuse our curriculum with deeper learning opportunities designed to expose students to a wide variety of disciplines, topics, hobbies, events, persons and occupations to cultivate new interests.

Type II - Group Training Activities
Through affective learning, our students engage in activities with a purposeful focus on developing critical thinking, feeling, attitude and process skills. We promote creativity and inquiry as well as thinking like a practicing professional.

Type III - Individual & Small Group Investigations of Real Problems
We believe in the strengths, passions, talents and interests of our students! We encourage students to become problem finders and inquirers who can apply their interests, knowledge, creative ideas, and task commitment to self-selected problems or areas of study. In this high level type of self-directed learning, students take on investigative and artistic endeavors to think, feel, act, collaborate and have an authentic impact like a professional working in the real world.

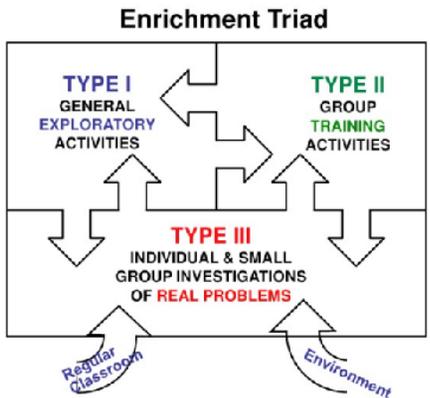


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