

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE EUREKA!
PROGRAM?

Students in the Eureka!
Program may:

- Work independently
- Work in small groups
- Explore their creative talents
- Enrich their learning
- Work on academic topics at an accelerated pace
- Choose a course of investigation and study
- Receive structured instruction in an area of need



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WHAT IS THE EUREKA! PROGRAM?

Our Eureka! Program is a service for identified talented and gifted students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. Participation in the Eureka! Program is offered to students with outstanding creativity and students with extraordinary learning ability.

Students in the Eureka! Program leave the general classroom at scheduled times to receive enrichment and accelerated instruction in various areas. A student's course of work in Eureka! is individually determined and varies from child to child based on need.

Students work individually and in small groups in exploration and project development.

GRADE LEVEL	TIME	EVENT(S)
Third Grade	Spring	OLSAT TTCT
Fourth Grade	Fall	Eligibility letter home about Eureka!
Fourth Grade	Fall	Eureka! New Candidate Review
Fifth Grade	Fall	Eureka! New Candidate Review
Sixth Grade	Fall	Eureka! New Candidate Review

WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE EUREKA! PROGRAM?

In the spring of their third grade year, all students take two tests, the Otis-Lennon Scholastic Aptitude Test (OLSAT) and the Torrance Tests for Creative Thinking (TTCT). The OLSAT measures academic ability. The TTCT measures creativity. Students who score 97% or higher in either test are offered participation in the Eureka! Program.

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES			
Otis-Lennon Scholastic Aptitude Test (OLSAT)			
> 99%	99%	98%	97%
Torrance Tests for Creative Thinking (TTCT)			
> 99%	99%	98%	97%

IS THERE A REVIEW PROCESS?

A parent or teacher may request a review for a student who scored in the 90% or higher on either the OLSAT or the TTCT. The student's current classroom teacher, as well as their previous year's classroom teacher, complete the Survey for Identifying Gifted Students (SIGS) *school* survey. The student's parents complete the SIGS *home* survey. Parents may submit artifacts and comments with the SIGS. The Eureka! Review Committee, consisting of the school principal, curriculum director, guidance counselor, school psychologist(s), and Eureka! teacher, meet to review the OLSAT and TTCT results, surveys, and artifacts. The committee decides if the student needs talented or gifted services. A student may not be brought for review more than once during their time at BCS.