

Programming is a site based decision. Please contact the school directly with questions regarding programming or services.

2017-18 Gifted Services: Site Specific

School Name	Sunset Middle School
Principal	Dawn Macy
GT Building Representative	Michelle Faye Lisa Herman
Focus (if applicable)	International Baccalaureate (IB) Universal Middle School (UMS)
Overview of Gifted Programming Options	We offered honors level courses in math, LA, science, and social studies. These classes offer a more rigorous course of study. We also have advanced art class and a theater tech class in our building. We offer 3 platforms for robotics classes (both beginning and advanced robotics). Our school also has a large variety of clubs that offer programs to enhance learning for gifted students such as: STEM Explorers, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Competitive Robotics club (VEX IQ), MathCounts (starting in October 2017)
Enrichment Options	Our school also has a large variety of clubs that offer programs to enhance learning for gifted students such as: STEM Explorers, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Competitive Robotics club (VEX IQ), MathCounts (starting in October 2017), annual musical, Acapella Club.
Social/Emotional Support	Universal Middle School can offer increased support for students need time and a space to decompress, reflect, or have an adult to check in. Our school interventionist also meets regularly with several groups that include gifted students.
Classroom Differentiation and Extensions	Teachers self-reported that compacting, problem-based learning, and varying levels of depth, complexity, and pacing as their main strategies for differentiation within the classroom. The IB curriculum asks teachers to make interdisciplinary connections, as well as international connections in their instruction. This is a natural extension of the grade level content standards. Last year our school went to one bell schedule. This allows all students access to any class. The Universal Middle School works in partnership with local high schools to allow access to high school level courses as well. The CDC bus is used to provide transportation for these students. Sunset currently has 4 students going to a high school for a course and one student taking an online high school course.
Other	Universal Middle School is a highly individualized path for a select group of students whose needs were not met with in class Sunset only options. Students may take classes at the high school, online, or complete independent studies to increase the rigor or work at a different pace

	through material. This placement is a group decision made after other GT programming options have not met the needs of the student.
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