



The New Jersey Department of Education's administrative regulations (N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1) define gifted and talented students as, *"Those students who possess or demonstrate high levels of ability, in one or more content areas, when compared to their chronological peers in the local district and who require modification of their educational program if they are to achieve in accordance with their capabilities."*

The district's Knowledge Quest (KQ) program seeks to enhance the quality of education for all students through a program offering differentiation and acceleration through a design-thinking, problem-based learning approach to teaching and learning.

In Tier 1 (K-3), all students receive enrichment in the classroom setting. Differentiated activities and hands-on learning encourage critical thinking through analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. Students utilize the "4Cs" - critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication in order to grow as 21st century learners.

The district's Tier II KQ model (pull-out model for grades 4-8), offers a separate program for students who have been identified using multiple measures of criteria to ensure a comprehensive, fair selection process. In following the National Association of Gifted Children's recommended guidelines, the district uses the following multiple measures of criteria, beginning in grade 4 and initially admitting up to the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile of the district's student population by grade into the program.

- *Inview* Cognitive Assessment (Grade 3 and Grade 5) - waived for 2021-2022 school year due to COVID-19
- Teachers College Independent Reading Level
- Start Strong ELA Results
- Start Strong Mathematics Results
- Teacher Feedback
- Renzulli Scale for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students

For more information about the KQ program, please visit Mr. Vaniskhian's website and Ms. Belhumer's website.