

Program Highlights

- ✓ *Teachers trained to instruct Gifted / High Achieving students*
- ✓ *In-depth lessons that encourage student inquiry*
- ✓ *Visually and intellectually stimulating classrooms*
- ✓ *Use of a variety of instructional strategies and resources*
- ✓ *Affiliation with USC Javits Grant for Gifted Education*
- ✓ *Enrichment activities and field trips*
- ✓ *Access to Renzulli Learning*

School for Advanced Studies

Our School for Advanced Studies program (SAS) is part of the Los Angeles Unified School District's efforts to create new avenues for gifted and high-achieving students. Dearborn's staff is proud to be part of the LAUSD's plan to increase the provision of rich academic programs that address both acceleration and differentiation.



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*A Program for Gifted and
High-Achieving Students*

Program Goals

Our goal is to meet the needs of gifted and talented students by challenging them with classroom lessons that offer opportunities to develop and use critical thinking and problem-solving skills. In our Advanced Studies classrooms, highly able learners receive special attention and a differentiated curriculum to ensure that their knowledge and skills are extended.

Our highly trained teachers provide experiences for students to learn the state academic standards through interactive learning, which includes hands-on activities, in-depth exploration, role-playing, simulations, research, and other activities that reinforce content.

Teachers meet regularly to coordinate activities, lessons, and projects that enhance and support learning in all subjects.

Curriculum

The curriculum in our Advanced Studies classrooms is based on the state Department of Education's achievement standards for each grade level. Subjects covered include Language Arts, Math, History/Social Science, Science, Health, Art, and Technology. SAS students are taught to use analytical thinking to delve deeply into subject matter and apply their knowledge.

About Dearborn

Dearborn Elementary is a small school located in a residential neighborhood in Northridge. We attract a culturally and economically diverse student population. We host two after-school care programs (Creative Kids and YMCA), which offer on-campus childcare weekdays until 6 p.m. Before school care is available weekdays. Both programs also offer fulltime daycare during the school's winter and spring vacations. The school is also host to after-school enrichment classes, including Chess Club, Mathemagic, Mad Science, Kids Art, Performing Arts Workshop, and Movie Making. Our free after-school activities include a daily, supervised Homework Club and Youth Services on the playground.

Dearborn students enter our school's modern library through our "Literacy Garden," a beautifully landscaped area that offers a peaceful setting for reading.

Parent Involvement

Our school is home to an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA), which supports parents' efforts to enhance their children's education. Parents are offered parent education workshops, SAS parent meetings, and access to many resources. The Dearborn PTA is very active and supports our school through volunteer projects, fundraising, and financial support that pays for classroom supplies, technology, field trips, and our psychomotor program. Parents also have a voice in decision-making through the Governance Council, a group of parents, teachers, and staff that meets monthly to discuss school policies and budget issues.

Application Process

Applications for the 2007-2008 school year are being accepted May 1-31, 2007. Students who meet one of the following three criteria should apply:

1. Student is identified as GATE/HA by LAUSD
2. Student shows superior academic achievement indicated by stanine scores of 7, 8, or 9 on standardized tests in total reading and math. Applicants must submit a printed copy of student's official school records.
3. Student demonstrates mastery of the four critical-thinking and problem-solving skills listed on the SAS application.

Report cards and a letter of recommendation from the current teacher and administrator will be required.

In addition we will be screening and/or interviewing students prior to acceptance in our SAS Program.

Dearborn Elementary School for Advanced Studies

For more information, please contact:
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SAS Program applications can be picked up in the school's main office between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the month of May.