

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. Supplemental materials and programs include Interact Kits, Renzulli Learning, Open Court Classics, and Literature Circles.

About Dearborn

We are a small school located in a residential neighborhood in Northridge. In 2008, Dearborn became a California Distinguished School and earned a Title I Academic Achievement Award. We attract a culturally and economically diverse student population. Dearborn is an Arts Program School and integrates the arts across the curriculum.

We host two after-school care programs (Creative Kids and YMCA), which offer on-campus childcare weekdays until 6 p.m. Both programs offer full-time 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 for grades 2-5.

Parent Involvement

At Dearborn, we believe that parents are our partners. We work together through our active Parent Center and our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Parents are offered parent education workshops, SAS parent meetings, and access to many resources. The award winning Dearborn PTA supports our school through volunteer projects, fundraising, and financial support that pays for classrooms supplies, technology, field trips, and our psychomotor program. Parents also have a voice in decision making through the School Site Council and Local School Leadership Council.

Application Process

Applications for the 2010-2011 school year are being taken May 3-27, 2010. 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 SAS Coordinator Dessa Keesee or Principal Debra Hirsch at 818-349-4381.

SAS Program applications may 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.

For more information please come to an SAS Tour available on April 7 and May 26 at 9AM. SAS Parent Meeting on April 28 at 7PM and Open House on April 22 at 6:30PM

Program Highlights

- ✓ *Teachers certified 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*
- ✓ *Technology integration (Smart Boards, Mac Cart, 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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