



## FULL-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL GIFTED PROGRAMS IN MINNESOTA AS OF 1/1/11

- 1. Capitol Hill Magnet School (St. Paul)** – Full-time program for academically gifted and talented students in grades 1-8. Housed in its own building. Admission to grades 1-6 based on gifted/talented status, with admission to grades 7-8 through open enrollment. Originally began as Nova in 1978, moved and renamed J.J. Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet School in 1985, and in 1991 moved again and renamed Capitol Hill. <http://capitolhill.spps.org/>
- 2. Brainerd Enrichment Program (Brainerd)** – School-within-a-school model at Lowell Elementary School for grades 1-4 (5<sup>th</sup> grade is included in their middle school), followed by intensive (honors and advanced) courses at the middle school level in all academic subjects. Program originated in mid 1970's. Website is currently under development but does contain contact information <http://www.isd181.org/education/dept/dept.php?sectionid=1209>
- 3. Atheneum (Inver Grove Heights)** – For grades 2-5, located in Salem Hills Elementary, started in 2002. At the middle school level, gifted students attend honors classes in all academic subjects. [www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/atheneum.html](http://www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/atheneum.html) for elementary program and [www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/ablelearnerprogram.html](http://www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/ablelearnerprogram.html) for middle school program.
- 4. Lighthouse Program (Spring Lake Park)** – Program began 2003. Located at the Spring Lake Park School 4District Facility. Children as young as age 6 may be admitted. This program is unique, with non-graded, multi-aged grouping. [www.springlakeparkschools.org/schools/la/la\\_lighthouse.asp](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org/schools/la/la_lighthouse.asp)
- 5. Dimensions Academy and Elements (Bloomington)** – Dimensions, grades 4-5, began in 2004. Elements, grades 2-3, started in 2009/10. At the middle school level, grades 6-8, students are placed on a team and take the four core courses as a class, with teachers teaching "the Dimensions Academy curriculum." [www.bloomington.k12.mn.us](http://www.bloomington.k12.mn.us) At top of page, click on Academics and Student Services, then click on Gifted & Talented
- 6. Gateway (Woodbury)** – For highly gifted students with exceptional abilities in grades 3-5 at Bailey Elementary, started 2006/07. [www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/Departments/Gifted/gateway.asp](http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/Departments/Gifted/gateway.asp)
- 7. Friedell Middle School Highly Gifted & Sunset Terrace Elementary FT GT Program(Rochester)** – Middle school program, grades 6-8, began 2007/08. Will be expanding their FT GT program to elementary students (grades 3-5) in 2011/12. <http://www.rochester.k12.mn.us> At top of page, click on Academics, then click on Gifted Services.
- 8. GATE (Stillwater)** – Highly gifted learners in grades 4-6, located at Oak Park Elementary, started 2008/09. [www.stillwater.k12.mn.us/GATE.html](http://www.stillwater.k12.mn.us/GATE.html)
- 9. Harriet Bishop Gifted and Talented Elementary and Eagle Ridge Jr. High Gifted and Talented Program (Burnsville/Eagan/Savage)** - Gifted magnet schools for grades K-6 and grades 7-8 respectively (not a school-within-a-school program), started 2009/10. [www.isd191.org](http://www.isd191.org) At top of page, click on Schools, then click on Magnet Schools, at the left of this page, click on Gifted.



10. **SAGE Academy (Prior Lake/Savage)** - grades 3-5, housed at WestWood Elementary, started 2009/10. [www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us](http://www.priorlake-savage.k12.mn.us) , at top of page select Services, then click on Gifted and Talented
11. **Navigator Program (Minnetonka)** - grades 2-5, highly gifted program for students with an IQ of 145 and over. Located in Excelsior and Scenic Heights Elementary Schools. Started 2009/10. [www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/academics/NavigatorProgram/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/academics/NavigatorProgram/Pages/default.aspx)
12. **Pinewood Elementary Gifted Program (Rosemount/Apple Valley/Eagan)** – Self-contained classroom for identified gifted/talented students in grades 4 and 5. Started 2010/11. [www.district196.org/District/Departments/giftedtalented/WhatsNew.cfm](http://www.district196.org/District/Departments/giftedtalented/WhatsNew.cfm)
13. **Quest Program (Buffalo/Hanover/Melrose)** - Opening 2011/12. Full-time multi-age program for highly gifted students in grades 4-7. Will be held at Tatanka Elementary School (grades 2-5) and Buffalo Community Middle School (grades 6-7). [www.bhmschools.org/departments/teaching-learning/quest](http://www.bhmschools.org/departments/teaching-learning/quest)
14. **Ignite! (Lakeville)** – Opening 2011/12, full-time gifted program for highly gifted learners in grades 3-4, with possible extension to grade 5 in the future. [www.isd194.k12.mn.us/pages/Lakeville\\_SD/Departments/Teaching\\_and\\_Learning\\_Services/Departments/Gifted\\_Education/What\\_s\\_New](http://www.isd194.k12.mn.us/pages/Lakeville_SD/Departments/Teaching_and_Learning_Services/Departments/Gifted_Education/What_s_New)

**Please note that MCGT does not endorse any of these programs.** Parents are encouraged to talk directly with the administrator of the program to determine the fit between your child’s needs and the specific program. Many of these programs provide tours and allow students and parents to sit in on classes. In addition, MCGT members are reminded to make use of the [mcgtdotnet yahoo group](http://mcgtdotnet.yahoo.com) as a source of information from other MCGT members who have personal knowledge of these programs.