

Gifted Policy and Program Design

Pima Vocational High School further fulfills its mission of providing a comprehensive academic program for re-connecting out-of-school youth to a diploma program through the PVHS Gifted Policy and Program Design.

PVHS is committed to providing a positive classroom environment which values and honors each student's unique learning style and cultural, linguistic background, and provides every student opportunities to grow to his/her capabilities and talents. Program modifications for gifted students are sufficiently varied and flexible in content, process, and product to support each student's individual strengths and needs.

PVHS's definition of a gifted student and gifted education aligns with Arizona Revised Statute 15-779:

"Gifted pupil" means a child who is of lawful school age, who due to superior intellect or advanced learning ability, or both, is not afforded an opportunity for otherwise attainable progress and development in regular classroom instruction and who needs appropriate gifted education services, to achieve at levels commensurate with the child's intellect and ability."

"Gifted education" means appropriate academic course offerings and services that are required to provide an educational program that is an integral part of the regular school day and that is commensurate with the academic abilities and potential of a gifted pupil."

PVHS utilizes the attached checklist within the gifted identification process to assure consistency of screening. Screening of academic skills takes place within the first 45 days of enrollment of all students and may be requested at any time thereafter. Enrolled students may also be nominated for consideration as a gifted pupil by parent/guardian, teachers or peers; and they can nominate themselves. Lastly a student who scores at or above the 97th percentile on a standardized cognitive abilities test may qualify.

The special education department oversees the design of the instruction and resources provided to a gifted student. The gifted program falls under the supervision of the Special Education Department.

Copies of the referral and nomination forms are available to all at the PVHS school office. Also available is the Scope and Sequence which describes the program design.

The Governing Board has adopted this policy and the Scope and Sequence. Both have been submitted to the Arizona Department of Education.