

Commitment

District 742 is committed to serving advanced learners and a year's worth of growth for all learners. District 742:

- Employs six full-time elementary staff who are dedicated to meeting the needs of advanced learners
- Offers six academic achievement elementary programs to choose from
- Provides leveled programs that are designed to offer targeted services, rather than a "one size fits all approach"



Purpose

In fulfillment of the District 742 mission and core belief that everyone deserves equitable access to the highest quality of learning to maximize individual potential, St. Cloud Area School District 742 provides talent development programming. This programming is an equitable access, needs-oriented program for students who have demonstrated high achievement or the potential for high achievement.

- Talent Development programming is accessible to all students.
- Programming is leveled to respond to individual student needs.
- Programming exists within and outside of the school day.
- Trained staff provide best-practice instruction to meet the needs of academically advanced learners.

Talent Development & Accelerated Services is part of the District 742 Department of Teaching and Learning at the District Administration Office.

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Elementary Programming

Academic Achievement: Optional academic achievement activities are offered for elementary students beginning in third grade. These opportunities are open to all students who meet the age requirement and include science and writing field trips, Knowledge Bowl, United States Academic Triathlon, Spelling Bee and Geography Bee.

Young Scholars: Students with high academic potential and creative thinking skills are served through the Young Scholars Program. This program is offered for students in grades K-5 at several elementary sites.

High Achievement Placement: Students with advanced academic needs are placed with a teacher trained to meet their academic and social and emotional needs. This program is offered for students in grades two through five at several elementary sites.

Middle Level Programming

Honors Level Courses: All middle schools offer honors courses for students.

- Enrichment courses are offered in language arts, math, science, social studies and world language.
- Honors courses teach grade level content and skills, but provide more academic rigor for students.
- Staff work with students to identify courses that best meet their academic needs.

Advanced Language Arts: Students who have academic needs that extend beyond grade level curriculum in Language Arts (LA) can apply for Advanced LA. This course teaches out of grade level standards with a curriculum designed specifically for advanced learners.

High School Options

Apollo and Technical High Schools offer the most advanced course offerings of any other area high schools.

- **Advanced Placement (AP):** AP courses offered in math, science, language and social sciences.
- **Post Secondary Options (PSEO):** PSEO allows students in grades 10-12 the opportunity to earn college credit for courses completed while still in high school. Courses are generally offered on college campuses or at their local high school.
- **Articulated College Credit:** Explore careers, stay in your high school and get college credit!

Elementary

School Wide Enrichment- All students participate in enrichment activities through the school year. These enrichment opportunities have included engineering, civics, digital storytelling, coding and agriculture.

On-Site Specialists- Full-time specialists are available at elementary sites to provide instruction to students who demonstrate a need for academic challenge.

