



# Gifted & Talented News

**March  
2018**

## Future Planning

Elementary programming for  
2018-2019

Continued Placement of  
Secondary Students into Blended  
Learning, Honors classes, AP  
classes, Dual Enrollment and  
Advisory Periods.

Identification & Testing

Curriculum  
Alignment and Planning

Professional Development for  
Teachers and Counselors

Continued Communication

## What's Happening

There are two bills in the Senate and the House that will allow for additional funding for gifted education. House Bill 2112 and Senate Bill 1161. The two bills will not only provide additional funding for gifted programming but for testing and identification as well. You can follow these two bills on the Arizona State Legislature page "Request to Speak" portal at <https://apps.azleg.gov/>.

On December 14, 2017 our blended learning program received the Arizona

School Board Association's "Golden Bell Award" for excellence in education programs. MUSD blended learning was one of three school district programs in the state of Arizona that was recognized..

Sixty percent of our middle school gifted students select placement in the blended learning (20+1) program. MUSD is a leader in secondary gifted programming with our blended learning model.

At the high school our teachers are actively working with our gifted advisory classes and teachers to add newly identified students that qualify.

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## Gifted Parent Night

April 19th 2018

5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.

at

**The Maricopa Unified  
School District Office  
Board Room 116**

*Everyone is welcome to attend.*

## CogAT Information

MUSD teachers were able to pre-screen and refer 101 students to CogAT test during our spring round of testing. Teachers look at students scoring in the highly proficient and proficient categories of testing labels as one our pre-screener

factors. Testing will begin the week of March 1st and end on March 9th.

If students miss the spring round of testing they will be able to test in the fall of 2018 (dates TBD).