

DISTRICT	Newtown
PROGRAM NAME	Discovery
GRADES SERVED	4-8
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DESCRIPTION	<p>In each elementary school a Gifted and Talented teacher works on a part-time basis within classes to facilitate differentiation of instruction throughout the grade levels by offering enrichment opportunities for students who demonstrate the need for extension beyond the regular classroom curriculum.</p> <p>The district has a specific Gifted and Talented program, called Discovery, for students, grades 4-8. Students are identified at the end of the 3rd grade year and, beginning in grade 4, receive three hours weekly of direct instruction designed to meet the needs of academically gifted students. They are provided opportunities to expand their critical thinking skills and stretch their creative spirits through interdisciplinary, self-directed learning.</p> <p>While there are no services provided by Special Education at the high school, students in grades 9-12 have opportunities to be involved in Honors and AP classes. Seniors may participate in a mentorship program in their senior year.</p>