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**PROGRAM NAME**

SWEPT

**GRADES SERVED**

K-8

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**DESCRIPTION**

The South Windsor Public Schools is committed to an educational program that recognizes individual student differences. Embodied in this commitment is a responsibility to academically gifted students to help them maximize their high potential.

Gifted students differ from others in learning ability; they learn faster, have wider interests, remember more, and think with greater depth about what they learn. The SWEPT program is designed to meet these needs of the gifted student.

SWEPT provides a comprehensively planned curriculum that utilizes cross-disciplinary studies. These studies allow for both vertical (acceleration) and horizontal (breadth and depth in a topic) movement that is educationally relevant. The program stresses higher-level thinking skills such as inquiry skills, problem solving, and creative thinking. In addition, development of self-direction, risk taking, curiosity, imagination, and interpersonal relationships are emphasized.

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The program framework allows for individual projects and peer group interaction. The long-range goals of this program are self-actualization for the gifted student and the development of a sense of responsibility to self, school and society.

Students in grades 3-5 are bused to Eli Terry Elementary School from their home school for 2-1/2 days (one morning and one afternoon) per week. Students in grades 4 and 5 work together. Third grade students take an introductory course in the spring. Teachers in grades 3 through 5 often consult with the elementary SWEPT teacher during the school year.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade program is housed at Timothy Edwards Middle School. The teacher works with groups of students, with teachers on teams, and with individual students.