

**DISTRICT**

Bethany

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**PROGRAM NAME**

None provided

**GRADES SERVED**

K-6

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**DESCRIPTION**

The Bethany Public School District serves students from pre-kindergarten through grade six. This district offers a comprehensive elementary education program including general academics, art, music, physical education, Spanish, library/media, computer technology, and a range of academic and pupil support services. In addition to these services, numerous school wide enrichment activities and programs are offered to all students including those identified as "gifted and/or talented." Numerous opportunities for highly capable students with special interests are integrated within the instructional program at each grade level. This provides students with opportunities to participate in activities which enable them to explore their individual talents and special interests as they relate to the school experience.

The district employs an enrichment facilitator to promote learning opportunities for students through special interest projects and differentiated teaching strategies. These projects include activities such as school wide enrichment days, television broadcasting, community projects,

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Earth Day, Time Capsule, puppet (marionette) shows, musical performances, art shows, and other projects. Through varied enrichment programs, students participate in special activities such as Spanish immersion days, international studies, intensive technology experiences, instrumental music, fine and performing arts presentations, and curricular enhancements. Additionally, numerous learning opportunities are provided through the school and parent organization addressing a broad range of topics, issues, and experiences with special programs and visitors. One of these special programs has been the ongoing opportunity for students to experience the Japanese culture through a resident international intern who offers students at all grade levels activities focusing on Japanese music, culture, the tea ceremony, calligraphy, poetry, dress, cuisine, language, etc.

Through the use of extensive differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all students, including those identified as "gifted and/or talented," teachers address individual student learning needs through curriculum enhancements, extensions, and modifications. The district provides an extensive Supplement Skills Program to assist teachers in meeting the diverse range of student abilities, interests, and needs at all levels.

Within the general education program, all grade level teams work together to provide extended instructional opportunities for students who have mastered the base curriculum. At the upper grade levels, flexible grouping practices enable highly skilled students to participate in advanced math classes in preparation for transition to the regional secondary school district. Meeting the needs of "gifted" learners is a responsibility which is shared by all teachers and support staff.