

## HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL GIFTED EDUCATION

The Hazelwood School District (HSD) School Board and the HSD Administrative Team are focused on strengthening our culture of academic excellence across the District, especially at our high schools. To that end, we have expanded our gifted education programming to serve our high school gifted students as part of our commitment to offering a high level of service, a more consistent continuum of services from elementary school through graduation, and excellent post-graduate outcomes for our gifted students.

Our staff help to strengthen our culture of exceptional achievement for students with high aptitude and potential for academic, professional, and personal excellence by assisting them in all aspects of their educational experience. By delivering a highly personalized range of services and remaining highly accessible to students, parents, and other HSD team members, we contribute to a welcoming and supportive environment for high-achieving students. These services include, but are by no means limited to:

- Supporting students in their transition from middle school to high school
- Delivering information and guiding students and their parents and families in developing long-range plans to help them prepare to apply and then gain admission to highly selective colleges and universities and military service academies and/or pursue other post-secondary college and career preparation options
- Helping students to select classes that best serve their unique needs, including Advanced Placement, dual credit, and advanced STEM, arts, and foreign language classes
- Connecting students with opportunities for academic enrichment, both within our schools and outside of our schools at our local universities and other providers of educational services
- Aiding students in gaining acceptance to and participating in academic enrichment and professional/career exploration and readiness programming both during the school year and in the summer
- Promoting the emotional and physical health of our students in collaboration with licensed providers of specialized health services both within our high schools and in the Hazelwood and Saint Louis metropolitan area

Our Gifted Education team prides itself on being highly responsive to the unique needs of our high-aptitude students. If you have any questions regarding your student's current, past, or potential future participation in our program or want to learn more about gifted and advanced academic programming for students here at Hazelwood, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Melanie Bloom, Gifted Education Coordinator ([mbloom@hazelwoodschoools.org](mailto:mbloom@hazelwoodschoools.org) 314-953-4954) or one of our gifted certified high school teachers, Matt Gigliotti ([mgigliotti@hazelwoodschoools.org](mailto:mgigliotti@hazelwoodschoools.org)), Scott Deppong ([sdeppong@hazelwoodschoools.org](mailto:sdeppong@hazelwoodschoools.org)), and Chandra Jones ([cjones@hazelwoodschoools.org](mailto:cjones@hazelwoodschoools.org)) at any time. It is our privilege to serve all of our District's students and families.