

# Our Proud Gifted Partners

John Hopkins Center for  
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Westside Consortium of Gifted  
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Project Exploration

Camp Intervention

Nadaburg Unified School  
District

32919 Center Street, Wittmann, AZ 85361

## Nadaburg Unified School District No. 81

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Gifted and Talented Education





## Program Model

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The Nadaburg Unified School District is committed to providing a meaningful gifted program to all talented students. The district emphasizes the 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning skills of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity. These skills are mastered through a yearly theme based on the principles of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Each year students participate in an in depth study in an area of interest that results in a culminating project.

## Qualifications

Nadaburg utilizes the Cognitive Ability Test (Cogat) 7 to identify gifted and talented students. Students who score at least in one area with a 97% or higher qualify for the gifted program. Transfer students within the State of Arizona are considered gifted at Nadaburg. Out of state students may need to complete the Cogat 7 assessment. The assessment is offered three times a year. Our website will state the testing dates. A student may test once every 12 months.

## Gifted Program

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Our gifted program is designed primarily around a thematic unit that is typically supported by curriculum developed by the College of William and Mary. Each year the students explore a new topic in depth while participating in exciting field trips and in class activities.

Students are clustered when not participating in the gifted classroom. Clustering is the process of placing all gifted students in one classroom thus allowing more opportunities for differentiated instruction to meet the needs of gifted students.

## Experimental Learning

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Students have the opportunity to explore the annual theme through experimental learning with a variety of field trips. Examples of local field trips include the Sea Life Aquarium for the Oceans unit, the Pueblo Grande Museum for the Archaeology unit, and the Challenger Space Center for the Air and Space unit. During these field trips students learn real world applications, or get to experience what they've learned in class.

### Project Exploration

Each year students have the option in participating in an extra-curricular field trip with Project Exploration. Field trips include San Diego (Oceans), Pasadena, CA (Arts), Santa Monica, CA (Air and Space), or Cortez, CO (Archeology). For a reasonable cost students can experience once in a lifetime learning. Trips are eligible for tax credit donations. Scholarships are available, and the gifted students participate in a variety of fund raisers to reduce the cost of the trip.

## School College Ability Test

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Through the John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth students can participate in the School College and Ability Test in grades 4-8. If students qualify for programs they can participate in a variety of on line courses that support higher level learning, regional events at museums, and summer college programs. The district pays for registration and testing, though families are responsible for program cost.

## Camp Intervention

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During the summer school program gifted and high aptitude students can participate in Camp Intervention. Camp Intervention programs are theme based with a STEM emphasis. Programs in the past have included students coming up with ways to save a city, or maneuvering and surviving on the Planet Rog. There is no cost for students to participate in the summer Camp Intervention program. Registration begins in March, and is done on a first come first serve basis.

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