

Challenge Philosophy

Joint School District No. 2 and its Self-Contained Program recognize that students with identified gifts and talents may require differentiated instruction and opportunities.

Facilitators, teachers, administrators, and parents work together to ensure that the educational needs of gifted and talented students are met in a variety of settings.



Self-Contained Gifted Classrooms

Andrus Elementary
(208)939-3400

Siena K-8
(208) 350-4370

Lowell Scott Middle School
(208)350-4060

Centennial High School
(208) 855-4250



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Self-Contained Challenge Program



***“Preparing Today’s Youth for
Tomorrow’s Challenges”***

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Overview

Joint School District No. 2 offers self-contained classrooms for students scoring a 130 or higher (at the 98%) full scale IQ score.

Academic Curriculum

District curriculum is followed but it is taught at a faster pace and to a greater depth conceptually.

Affective Curriculum

Areas of affective instruction addressed are perfectionism and self-esteem, as well as what it means to be gifted (making friends, dealing with stress, how to cope with teasing), and how to make the most of student talents and abilities.

Transportation

The district is currently exploring options to provide transportation for the self-contained programs.



Self-contained Program at Andrus

The elementary program serves third through fifth grades. Students may attend Andrus or Siena K-8 for self-contained instruction.

The elementary programs are full-day academic programs with opportunities to interact with grade level peers during lunch and recess.

Self-contained Program at Sienna K-8

The self-contained program at Siena will open with two multi-age classrooms. A 3/4 and a 5/6 classroom will be offered. The elementary program is a full-day academic program with opportunities to interact with grade level peers during lunch and recess.

Middle School Program at Lowell Scott

The middle school program is a two period block for English A and social studies at grades 6 and 7, and a two period block for geography, health, and English in the 8th grade.

Students will have a one period per day class for science with the Challenge students. Students will also have a one period per day class for math in a level appropriate class determined by ISAT test scores.

Students are with grade level peers for breaks, lunch, electives, exploratories and English B.



High School Options and Opportunities

At the freshman level, Joint School District No.2 provides a cohort opportunity for students meeting the self-contained program requirements. Freshman in the cohort have the opportunity to register for GT Honors English, GT Honors Earth Science, GT Speech, and GT Global Perspectives. Sophomores in the cohort have the opportunity to register for GT AP Biology, Honors GT US History, and GT Honors English.

All gifted students may choose to register/apply for honors courses, concurrent credit courses, advanced placement courses, release to attend local universities, and a wide variety of elective classes for students who have the skills to complete advanced level work. Clubs and activities that match gifted students' skills and interests also are available in the high school setting.