

Graystone Academy Charter School

Cultivating Special Talents

While many schools offer gifted education, Graystone Academy Charter School in Coatesville uses a one-of-a-kind approach that goes well beyond the usual setting and requirements.

"For starters, academically-talented students in other schools spend only an hour each day or a few hours each week in a gifted classroom with their like-minded peers," states Nancy Cooper, Director of the Talent Development Center at Graystone. "We offer academically-, intellectually- and creatively-gifted students an environment that fosters their talents and abilities to reach their highest level of learning and success all day, every day."

Graystone Talent Development Center (TDC) students spend the majority of their school day with others of similar abilities and interests in an intensive, small classroom environment - no more than 20 children per class. This allows TDC teachers an appropriate setting to nurture and challenge each student to maximize their potential using the right blend of direction, time, encouragement, and resources. Within these intimate classrooms, TDC teachers can focus on educational, social and emotional needs. This philosophy of educating the whole child - mind, body and spirit - is also emphasized for all Graystone Academy Charter School students through the use of creative curricula and progressive teaching methods.

Curriculum for the Talent Development Center is determined by the interests and talents of the students accepted into the program. Classes are taught using a variety of teaching methods to cultivate each child's abilities while embracing their individual areas of strengths. Hands-on activities are offered each day to help hone skills in various subjects. Students are en-

couraged to pursue their individual interests, develop new talents and enhance their leadership qualities. The program also reaches beyond the classroom by inviting students to participate in additional educational and creative outlets, such as science fairs and community-awareness projects.

Acceptance into Graystone Academy's Talent Development Center is based on meeting the following criteria (minimum of three required):

- high achievement on standardized tests
- exceptional student portfolio
- consistent results on report cards
- observation of exceptional performance in the classroom, via interview or through evaluation of student product
- recommendations from multiple sources with first-hand knowledge of student (teachers, counselors, peers, parents)

"The Talent Development Center helps talented students develop and enhance higher-level thinking and communication skills through its innovative opportunities and lessons that maximize their potential," states Graystone's, Nancy Cooper. "More over, we seek to foster each student's development of self in relation to others in their family, school, community, country, and world."

To explore Graystone Academy Charter School's tuition-free opportunities, call 610.383.4311 for more information or to schedule a school tour.



Graystone Academy Talent Development Center students plant and maintain their garden.

Decisions...
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Planning for College? We Can Help!

- ⇒ What schools are best for me?
- ⇒ SAT? ACT? Both? None?
- ⇒ Early action? Early decision? Rolling admissions?
- ⇒ What makes a great college essay?
- ⇒ Will I get financial aid?
- ⇒ How do I apply for scholarships?

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