

*Paradise Valley Unified School District  
is pleased to announce the opening of a new gifted  
education program for middle school students:*

# *Journey*

Fall 2020

Located at Mountain Trail Middle School

## Program Objective

To differentiate education based on the needs of the individual gifted learner, while keeping the students together in content blocks and immersing them in multiple modes of learning.

- Teachers work with students in small groups or individually based on their individual learning targets, students' strengths, and interests
- Students are given choices on how they learn the content
- Videos, WebQuests, research projects, choice boards, text-books, or other activities are available to impart knowledge to students
- Grouping is flexible and may also vary by student need
- Teachers facilitate blended learning environments by developing the units, orchestrating the modes of learning, and being a coach of the learning environment, encouraging students to reach their academic potential

## Minimum Requirements

**Criteria for Admittance into Journey** (three ways to qualify):

1. Gifted qualification at 97%ile+ in two areas: verbal, quantitative or non-verbal
2. Gifted qualification at 97%ile+ in one area, AND 90%ile+ in one other area PLUS a principal recommendation
3. IQ of 130 or higher

**PLUS** performing or highly performing in AzMerit reading and math in 2018-2019

**Students are expected to:**

- Be self-directed and self-motivated learners
- Embrace project-based problem-based learning

We are now accepting applications for eligible students who will be in either seventh or eighth grade in the 2020-2021 school year. For applications, please visit [www.pvschools.net/gifted](http://www.pvschools.net/gifted).

