

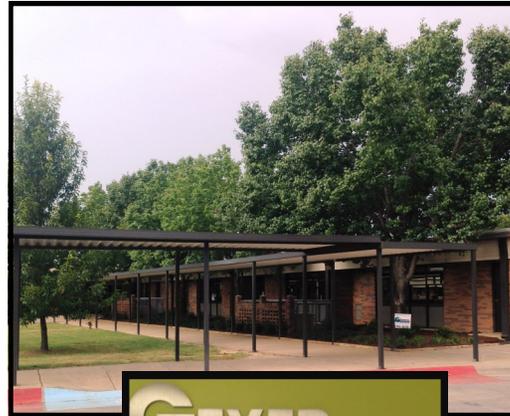
## GSGTA Mission and Vision

The mission of GSGTA is to provide enriching experiences and advanced opportunities to expand students creative, social, and academic potentials.

The vision of GSGTA is to produce innovative, contributing leaders who embrace growth and change throughout all aspects of their lives.

### **“Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow”**

The Scholars (Students) and Role Models (Staff) of Geyer Springs Gifted and Talented Academy proudly welcome you to a school uniquely developed to meet the needs of identified gifted and talented scholars. Serving scholars in grades 1-5, GSGTA provides differentiated learning opportunities in an environment conducive to critical and creative thought processes with one goal in mind. . . .shaping learners today, to lead tomorrow.”



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## GSGTA Highlights

- *GSGTA is staffed by highly qualified teachers who have received specialized training to meet the needs of scholars (students) identified as gifted and talented. All certified role models (staff) have obtained or are in process of obtaining state licensure in gifted and talented education in addition to their traditional areas of licensure.*
- *Responsive classroom strategies are utilized in all classrooms to build and maintain a collaborative community, meet affective needs, and develop the leadership skills of scholars.*
- *Opportunities are provided throughout the school year for scholars to participate in service learning projects. (Examples: Rice Depot, Heifer International)*
- *All scholars are involved in a democratic process of adopting and maintaining school agreements as part of a School Rules Convention.*
- *Weekly Scholars are recognized for exhibiting leadership in promoting weekly life skills words.*
- *All scholars participate in a daily school-wide opening meeting that promotes community building and the development of needed life skills.*

## Specialized Learning Opportunities

### 1 to 1 Technology Initiative

All GSGTA scholars are immersed in 21st Century learning through a 1 to 1 Technology initiative that integrates technology into daily instruction by affording each student an iPad (Grades 1-3) or Chrome book laptop (Grades 4-5). These learning tools allow students to not only be consumers of knowledge, but also producers of knowledge. These tools also support students as they learn to share their knowledge with different types of audiences.



### Imaginoons

Imaginoons immerse students in interdisciplinary studies through overarching themes and concepts so they can see and understand the interconnectedness of mathematics, science, and language arts in the real world. Imaginoons also allow students to study topics of interest in greater depth and breadth than typically offered in a traditional classroom setting.



### Clubs

GSGTA scholars have the opportunity to participate in after school clubs that engage them in extended learning in a variety of areas of interest. Chess, Destination Imagination, Botany, Creative Movement, and Quiz Bowl are just a few of the offerings students can enjoy.

### Latin Lab

All GSGTA students participate in weekly Latin lab lessons that immerse them in understanding the Latin language. The benefits of understanding Latin include enhanced vocabulary and comprehension skills as well as improved writing, critical thinking, and problem solving skills. Knowledge of Latin has also been proven to increase achievement and aptitude test scores.

### Piano Lab-Kids and Keys

A new piano lab at GSGTA affords students the opportunity of learning to play the piano. Music technology, including recording and composition software will be utilized to enrich music instruction

