

Speaker of the House, Ben Lujan, and Other Legislators



Artwork by Quinn Bryson
Bellehaven Elementary School – 3rd Grade – Age 8

New Mexico's gifted students want you to know...

“Education of the talented in any school district should be a right – not a privilege for talented youngsters... Programs for the gifted should be prescribed, sequential, and a permanent part of the curriculum rather than an occasional frill.”

(Dr. Abraham Tannenbaum - Professor Emeritus at Teachers College, Columbia University and Distinguished Scholar of the National Association for Gifted Children.)

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New Mexico's gifted students are saying...

“Gifted [education] goes into more depth and is substantially more intellectually stimulating than any AP class. We delve into the corners of culture, philosophy and social issues that have no right or wrong answer. We question the unanswerable...”
(Anonymous, age 16, Eldorado High School)

“Gifted Education allows me, as a student, to grow and also challenge myself academically. I am encouraged to take Honors and Advanced Placement courses for each semester. Even though sometimes that challenge seems overwhelming, at the end of each semester I realize I have learned much more than expected. I am one step closer to being the well-rounded, well-educated student I desire to be... I am thankful for Gifted Education because even though I am still young and in high school the ... program prepares me to succeed in college and all my future aspirations.”
(T. G., age 17, Mayfield High School)

“Being in gifted [classes] gets me prepared for middle school because I do advanced work. It challenges my brain to be creative and makes it grow a lot faster than if I was learning what I already knew. Gifted Education makes me try and do my best...”
(Anonymous, age 11, John Baker Elementary School)

“When I was in fourth grade I hated school. I was bullied every day, and ended up becoming very depressed; that was, until I got into Gifted Education. That day, I felt like I was stepping into a wonderful, happy, and warm world where I was no longer being bullied, and everyone accepted me for who I was. I never again was bored during class lessons, and had discussions about things I had never even bothered to think about before. That was three years ago, but I still feel the exact same way. Gifted education saved me from a dark, depressing world.”
(R. H., age 12, Desert Ridge Middle School)
