

ELEMENTARY (Gr 5–8)

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SAGE ADVANTAGE

Saskatoon Public Schools offers a Grade 5–12 congregated program for gifted students. In a congregated SAGE classroom, the interaction with intellectual peers results in rapid growth of student learning. As well, social skills grow while intellectual needs are met. Congregated classrooms concentrate on meeting what research tells us are the unique socio-emotional needs of gifted learners. Students work as peers to hold each other accountable for a high level of thinking. Non-conformity, challenge and creativity grow through interaction with other gifted students, causing many students to report that they belong or feel challenged for the first time.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Students come together from across the city to attend the congregated SAGE program at one of the six schools (three elementary, three secondary). Students represent a wide variety of backgrounds and talents. What ties these students together is their intellectual talent, as well as their need to make connections with others that understand and accept them.

APPLICATION PROCESS

A combination of standardized test scores, teacher observation, characteristics of giftedness and student writing (secondary only) is used to help identify students who might benefit from SAGE programming. Admission at grades other than Grade 4 and Grade 8 is through an application process depending on availability in the program. For elementary programs, students in all Grade 4 classrooms during the winter have an opportunity to be identified as possibly benefiting from gifted programming. Once the referral process is completed, the SAGE Committee sends out a letter in March to specific parents/guardians encouraging them to consider having their son or daughter attend the school (within the correct catchment area) that has a Grade 5 SAGE classroom. Students interested in the secondary program will need to complete an application that they will receive from their classroom teacher. The application process takes place during the months of January and February. If you are new to Saskatoon Public Schools, and you are a non-Canadian, please contact the Newcomer Student Centre at (306) 683-8400 to confirm your eligibility to study prior to submitting this application.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Program for Grades 5–12
- Congregated classroom setting for gifted students
- Inquiry is extended
- Interdisciplinary focus
- Continuity of teaching/learning style
- Application of knowledge rather than just consumption
- Focus on divergent thinking

