

# LISGAR C.I.

## SPECIALIZED GIFTED PROGRAM

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. If my child is attending Lisgar for the English Specialized Gifted Program, can they take French Immersion courses?**

As Lisgar C.I. offers an English Specialized Gifted Program, students must take their chosen courses at the Gifted level when/if offered. For courses offered at both the English Gifted and French Immersion non-Gifted levels (e.g., Grade 9 Geography, Grade 10 History), students in the English Specialized Gifted Program must take the course at the English Gifted level. If a student is taking a course that does not have a gifted option but is offered in French, they are welcome to take that course in French (e.g., Grade 10 Civics and Career Studies). Students who are coming from a French Immersion background will take their French classes at the Immersion level.

**2. Are courses at the Gifted level harder than non-Gifted courses?**

No. Gifted level courses follow the same curriculum as courses taught at the non-Gifted level. For example, students taking **ENG1DG Grade 9 English (Gifted)** will cover the same curriculum and write the same (or similar) formal assessments and exams as students taking **ENG1D Grade 9 English (Academic)**. The main difference is that your child will be in a congregated classroom with other students that have a Gifted learning profile, and will be taught using instructional strategies that support gifted learners.

**3. My child is in the Specialized Gifted Program at Lisgar C.I. They love Math and Science but struggle in English. Can my child take Math and Science at the Gifted level but English at the non-Gifted level?**

The Specialized Gifted Program is a package program. Students attending the Specialized Gifted Program are required to take all their chosen courses at the Gifted level when/if offered, or at the Advanced Placement level (when available). For example, a Grade 9 student in the Specialized Gifted Program must take English, Math, Science and Geography at the Gifted level; however, a Grade 12 student in the Specialized Gifted Program may opt to take English and Chemistry at the Advanced Placement level.

**4. In addition to being identified as Gifted, my child also has another exceptionality. How will my child's learning needs be supported?**

Our Learning Support Teacher works collaboratively with students and teachers to ensure that appropriate accommodations are in place in your child's Individual Education Plan. All students, regardless of their exceptionalities, are supported in their courses.