

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



# **Gifted & Talented Grade K**

Adopted February 15, 2022

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Township of Union Public Schools is to build on the foundations of honesty, excellence, integrity, strong family, and community partnerships. We promote a supportive learning environment where every student is challenged, inspired, empowered, and respected as diverse learners. Through cultivation of students' intellectual curiosity, skills and knowledge, our students can achieve academically and socially, and contribute as responsible and productive citizens of our global community.

### **Philosophy Statement**

The Township of Union Public School District, as a societal agency, reflects democratic ideals and concepts through its educational practices. It is the belief of the Board of Education that a primary function of the Township of Union Public School System is to formulate a learning climate conducive to the needs of all students in general, providing therein for individual differences. The school operates as a partner with the home and community.

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## Curriculum Units/Pacing Guide

<b>Unit # / Title</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>
Unit 1 : <u>Identifying Gifts</u>	7-14
Unit 2 : <u>Genius Hour</u>	7-14

## Unit Standards Overview

Overview	Standards	Unit Skills Focus
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unit 1</b> <b>Identifying Gifts</b></p>	<p>Primary Focus Standards: SL K.1 SL K.3 SL K.4 SL K.5 SL K.6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify interests, strengths, and needs</li> <li>• Identify how you learn and recognize the influences of their identities</li> <li>• Respect students' similarities and differences</li> <li>• Execute the approved plan designed by the student</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unit 1</b> <b>Genius Hour</b></p>	<p>Primary Focus Standards: Varies by project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student designed project plan for a topic that is of interest to each individual child</li> <li>• Execute the approved plan designed by the student</li> </ul>

## Curricular Units

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<p><b>NJSLS - Technology</b></p> <p><i>When possible, provide links to specific samples/ documents/ assignments/etc.</i></p> <p>Refer to the <u>NJ Technology Standards</u></p>	<p><b>Career Readiness Practices</b></p> <p><i>When possible, provide links to specific samples/ documents/ assignments/etc.</i></p> <p>Refer to the <u>NJ Career Readiness Practices</u></p>	
<p><b>Technology Standards: Technology standards are embedded throughout all curricular units:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8.1 Educational Technology All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to</li> </ul>	<p><b>Career Ready Practices and Standard 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3 Career Ready Practices:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CRP1: Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.</li> <li>● CRP2: Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.</li> </ul>	



<p>solve problems individually and collaborate and create and communicate knowledge.</p> <p>All students will develop an understanding of the nature and impact of technology, engineering, technological design, computational thinking and the designed world as they relate to the individual, global society, and the environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CRP3: Attend to personal health and financial well-being.</li> <li>● CRP4: Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.</li> <li>● CRP5: Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.</li> <li>● CRP6: Demonstrate creativity and innovation.</li> <li>● CRP7: Employ valid and reliable research strategies.</li> <li>● CRP8: Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</li> <li>● CRP9: Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.</li> <li>● CRP10: Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.</li> <li>● CRP11: Use technology to enhance productivity.</li> <li>● CRP12: Work productively in teams while using global competence</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>21st Century Skills</b></p> <p><i>When possible, provide links to specific samples/ documents/ assignments/etc.</i></p> <p>Refer to the <u>21st Century Life and Skills</u></p> <p><b>21st Century Themes and Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Global Awareness</li> <li>● Environmental Literacy</li> <li>● Health Literacy</li> <li>● Civic Literacy</li> </ul> <p><b>21st Century Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Creativity and Innovation (E)</li> <li>● Critical Thinking and Problem Solving (T) (A)</li> <li>● Communication (E)</li> <li>● Collaboration (E) (T)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interdisciplinary Connections</b></p> <p><i>When possible, provide links to specific ELA/Math/Sci/SS standards as well as samples/ documents/ assignments/etc.</i></p> <p>Refer to the <u>NJ Student Learning Standards</u></p> <p><b>Interdisciplinary connections are made across grades and content areas to model the integration of knowledge and skills in the real world.</b></p>

