

OUT OF THE BOX: AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

To think outside the box is to look further and try not to think of the obvious answers, but rather to try and think beyond that. The "Out



of the Box" program at Western Christian School is an after school program designed to engage a small group of students in developing critical thinking skills and creativity to enrich their academic success. It will teach skills that will enable them to think "out of the box" by using hands-on approaches to problem solving.

Students will:

- explore and test hypotheses
- design experiments
- solve open-ended problems

Each week students are involved in exciting, challenging projects and/or activities, giving them an opportunity to improve their skills in a variety of areas. This program is available to all students in the 2nd grade and above.



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For more information on any of our programs, please contact Julie Weaver at jweaver@westernchristian.org.

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Pre-K - 8

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Upland Campus

High School

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PreK-8th	Padua			
	210 FWY	Mountain Ave	Euclid Ave	Campus Ave
Monte Vista Ave	Foothill Blvd			
	9th Street			
	10 FWY	Preschool Upland	High School	
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LEARNING SPECIALIST PROGRAM (LSP)

It is the belief of Western Christian Schools, that because every child is unique and a beloved creature of God, students with learning challenges should be educated in a setting and manner that allows them to achieve toward their greatest potential. It is the goal of Western Christian to educate students with special needs in the least restrictive environment. It is recognized that because each child is unique, some students may need a modified curriculum or manner of instruction to achieve academic goals and objectives. It is understood that some students with mild to moderate learning challenges may benefit from individual or small group specialized instruction in order to progress toward their goals and objectives. Students identified for inclusion in the Learning Specialist Program (LSP) are mainstreamed into the regular classroom, and may be placed in one or more small group or individualized instruction class for the core subjects of math, reading, and/or writing. Students in LSP are tested upon entrance of the program to determine the need(s) of each particular student in order to give the best instruction and help. Benchmark testing is conducted at each quarter to determine growth and/or any areas of need that need to be focused on more. The LSP program is offered to students in all grades.

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GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM (GTP)

Western Christian encourages their students to have the desire and potential to be challenged academically to elevate their learning to a higher level. We are excited to offer the Gifted and Talented Program (GTP) to our students here at Western Christian to challenge them to think "out of the box", and to learn how to problem solve while critically thinking at a higher level.

The Western Christian Gifted and Talented Program:

- supports a quality educational program for all gifted students
- helps to develop a deeper knowledge in critical thinking skills in students
- empowers students to reach their full academic potential in a challenging setting
- is for students in the 3rd grade and above

GTP will be involved with the program, "Odyssey of the Minds," which is an international creative problem solving competition for students in this capacity. Our team of GTP students will select a problem, create a solution, and present their solution in a competition against other teams in the same problem and division. There are specific qualifications that each student must meet in order to be eligible for GTP.



ACADEMY OF READING: AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

For those of you who feel as though your child may need some tutoring after school, we are happy to offer an extremely successful, research based reading program here at Western Christian Schools called, "Academy of Reading." Passport Learning's Academy of Reading software can help nearly all students, regardless of their ability, with its comprehensive and proven program of adaptable reading instruction.

Academy of Reading:

- is a unique, process-oriented, self-adapting path to skill improvement in reading
- Students learn at their own pace, guided through a series of computer-generated reading lessons
- Students gradually move to more complex tasks that test cumulative development
- easily tracks student progress through computer analysis reports
- is for students in Kindergarten through the 8th grade



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