



**The school where our
Eagles SOAR on the wings
of diversity, rigor, and talent!**

Centrally located near I-10 and I-95, our quiet campus is dedicated to providing its students with an exemplary education that develops the innate potential in students in the Gifted and Academically Talented Schoolwide Magnet Program. Our students often move through a feeder pattern that includes primary elementary grades at R.V. Daniels, and secondary schools at James Weldon Johnson, Darnell-Cookman, Julia Landon, Stanton College Preparatory School or Paxon School for Advanced Studies. Join an exciting and warm learning community where your child's abilities will be nurtured and challenged to create a foundation for life success. Susie E. Tolbert Elementary is a school where all students find a place to belong and are challenged by high standards and academic rigor!

Our program is designed to nurture and stimulate the academic strengths and talents of all children while meeting the unique learning needs of the gifted child through a wide range of cross-curricular activities that develop individual potential.

In addition to core curriculum programs, gifted students attend FLIGHT classes one day a week, where their unique learning needs are met by activities designed and implemented by gifted endorsed educators who are passionate about Gifted Education. The program at Susie E. Tolbert provides an opportunity for students to be increasingly challenged with academic rigor that exceeds regular standards as their skills develop. The majority of the faculty, including our Principal, are gifted endorsed and others are completing their endorsement classes.

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SUSIE E. TOLBERT

ELEMENTARY

"Soar with the Eagles"

**Gifted and
Academically Talented**
Grades 3 – 5



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The Gifted and Academically Talented Program

We are proud of the high level of family and community involvement in our school. It supports a culture and climate of respect for both cultural and academic diversity where the talents of all are developed and celebrated. In effect, ours is not just a school, but a family of learners.

We are committed to supporting our students before, during, and after their years under our care. Collaborative planning occurs with our sister school, R.V. Daniels. We also communicate regularly with the Magnet Middle Schools in our feeder pattern.

Susie E. Tolbert Elementary offers a variety of resources and activities to enrich and deepen a child's learning experiences. These include but are not limited to:

- **Rainforest Alliance Project** is a unique program, www.rainforest-alliance.org/curriculum, that is currently implemented in ten Florida schools. R. V. Daniels and Susie Tolbert were the first schools in Florida to fully implement the program, and Tolbert acts as a training site for new schools. The Rainforest Alliance has a thoroughly developed curriculum teaching students to value and respect our natural world and resources. This program is supported and funded through the Weaver Foundation. Rainforest Alliance activities are imbedded across the curriculum to provide children with valuable and enriching experiences that enhance grade level standards. As part of the program, we are teamed with the St. Johns Riverkeeper and the Jacksonville Zoo.

- **Interest clubs and classes** have included Art, Chorus, Peer Counseling, Robotics, Media, Music, Newspaper, Yearbook, and EarthKeepers Ambassadors, which provide students with opportunities to improve their communication skills, express their talents, and participate in community service projects.

(Please note these activities may vary year to year due to funding).

- **Television Production Lab** where students can produce the WTES morning news broadcast and creative media projects.

- **Community helpers program** where students apply for specific jobs as part of our school community including serving as media aides, delivery and clerical assistants, and peer counselors outside of instructional time.

- **Field trips** selected and designed to enhance all curricular areas and broaden your child's perspective.

- **Gifted strategies** permeate instruction schoolwide. Exploration and discovery-based activities support the academic and cognitive strands that are specifically identified for exemplary gifted education as outlined by the NRC/GT (National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented).

- **Curriculum** builds upon and extends beyond the general curriculum as students' needs dictate. Rigorous and challenging curriculum is enhanced through the study of universal concepts, complex levels of generalizations, and essential questions. Students are consistently engaged in multiple, complex, and thought-provoking texts/materials that challenge what they think and feel about curricular concepts and their world. Application is made to real-world situations.

- **Instructional delivery** employs a variety of research-based strategies and methods from various curricular models that emphasize skills such as inquiry, investigation, and experimentation. Students are regularly provided with opportunities for understanding the "whys" through scholarly dialogue/discussions and they reflect on concepts, generalizations, and essential questions encountered with rigorous texts and materials. The teacher constantly probes students to deepen meaning and to provide rationale for positions.

- **Multiple assessments** are used to consistently monitor students' growth and understanding of increasingly complex materials, ideas, issues, and problems. The teacher provides opportunities for students to reflect on understanding and growth. Assessments match the level of rigor and relevance identified in the learning objectives.

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