



ACADEMICALLY GIFTED PROGRAM (AGP)

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Objectives:

The Academically Gifted Program will:

- Promote critical thinking and reasoning abilities
- Develop and expand cognitive skills
- Utilize differentiated strategies for learning
- Build/extend cognitive language skills
- Facilitate opportunities for learning

Qualifications:

Stage 1: Referral

Students may be referred by parents and/or teachers. The **ESCS referral form** is available on the portal.

Stage 2: Screening

Students will be screened by one of the Student Support Team Members using a professional screening instrument. The student must score in the 90th percentile on one of the screening instruments and/or the most recent IOWA assessment in order to advance to Stage 3.

Stage 3: Evaluation

Students must score 130 or higher on an IQ assessment given by a licensed psychologist. A copy of the psychological evaluation, in its entirety, must be furnished to the AGP teacher to advance to Stage 4. The license number of the psychologist and the test administered must be included in the report. The following is a list of acceptable IQ assessments:

- Reynolds Intellectual Assessment Scale (RIAS)
- Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children – Fourth Edition (WISC-IV)

Stage 4: Plan Development

The Student Support team reviews the documentation. A meeting is scheduled with the AGP teacher, classroom teacher and the parents. Depending on age, students may be included in the conference. A plan is developed for the individual child. Student services will follow.

Program Description:

To be developed during the 2016-2017 School Year

Grades K-5

The goal is for students to be grouped by grade levels in the following ways: K-1, 2-3, and 4-5. The students will engage in a Science or Social Studies unit of study which integrates Reading, Language Arts, and Math. Students will develop and practice critical thinking and logical problem solving skills. Each unit of study will conclude with a culminating project with the goal of developing advanced communication skills through presentations, speeches, and the integration of technology.

Middle Grades 6-8

The goal is for students to conduct advanced, in-depth research on self-selected topics within an area of study. A culminating project using technology and highlighting the investigation and research they have done will conclude the unit of study.

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