

The Clusters

Grades 3-5

High Ability

To determine the group eligible for Accelerated Learning Program for Students (ALPS) programming at the elementary schools, students will have a composite score of 120 or higher on the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). Candidates for the ALPS program will also have local percentile scores on the NWEA MAP Reading Assessment that are in the 80th percentile or above.

Motivation

Evidence of motivation and task commitment will be noted on the ALPS referral form. Additionally, teachers may include portfolio products supporting the referral for students in grades 3-5.

Creativity

Evidence of creativity will be noted on the ALPS referral form. Additionally, teachers may include portfolio products supporting the referral for students in grades 3-5.

Middle School

At the middle school, students are ranked using Z-scores to determine the top 5% of the grade level. Students' CogAt and NWEA MAP reading scores are used in order to determine the Z-score. Most successful candidates will have a minimum Verbal CogAT score of 120 and MAP reading scores at the 92nd local percentile or higher. Students whose scores do not quite meet these criteria but who have a strong teacher recommendation may be further assessed and evaluated.