



Aspire Criteria and Programming

2023-2024

Our goal is to support students with special learning needs with advanced, cognitively challenging instructional programming which promotes innovative thinking and learning.

Aspire Student Identification Process for 2023-2024		
Population	Assessment Point	Criteria
Grade 2	1st grade CogAT	Stanine score of 9
Grade 2 & 3	1st grade and 2nd grade Spring AIMSWeb results	Students at 90% percentile and above on screener in both reading and math
Grade 4	Review of 3rd grade NJSLA	Score of 5 (7 points over the initial score)
Grades 5th-8th	Grade 4-7th: Spring NJSLA; new students previous district assessments	NJSLA Score of 5 (7 points over the initial score) on ELA and/or Math
Grades 2nd-4th grade	Reading level (Fountas & Pinell)	Two levels above grade level benchmark
Grades 4th-8th	Fall 22' Start Strong assessment	Less Support Needed in ELA or Math
Grades 2nd-4th	Report card and work sample review	90% Exceeds Standards in the areas of Reading, Writing and Math
Grades 5th-8th	Report card and work samples review	Previous year final grade of an A/A+ in ELA or Math
2nd-8th grade	Recommendations	Teacher, parent or student can write a recommendation

**** **Kindergarten and 1st grade** will have a marking period of Aspire. This instruction will be delivered in a whole class setting 1x a week for thirty minutes. The class activities will be project based and incorporate a theme from the grade level curriculum. .