



AIG Focus

Opportunity, Challenge, Support

Helping Your Gifted Child Succeed

As a parent of a gifted student, you want to help your child discover what he/she does best. Gifted students need to explore their interests and abilities. Here are some ways to help:

AT HOME

- Be attentive to your child’s comments and observations.
- Create an environment that promotes self-expression.
- Help him/her to develop skills and interests.
- Encourage your child to explore the beauty of diverse cultures.
- Promote exploration and discovery.
- Emphasize effort and progress rather than perfection.
- Show your child how errors can be opportunities to learn.
- Model positive ways to address setbacks.
- Instill ways to help your child understand and regulate emotional reactions.

- Promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Demonstrate how to serve your community.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Find or create opportunities where your child can explore interests and nurture talent.

- Universities and community organizations
- Mentors and talent experts
- Activities and outside courses
- Group/Individual projects or competitions

AT SCHOOL

- Advocate for your child’s interests.
- Collaborate with your child’s teacher.

This list of ways parents can help their gifted child succeed, was found in “Helping Your Gifted Child Succeed” from www.nagc.org.

Director’s Discussion

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Beginnings are often full of a mix of emotions. Hope for new opportunities, worry about changes, expectations of building on prior learning, and so much more. Whether we are nine or forty-nine, these feelings are realities and we should discuss them. During our learning, students often share their feelings with teachers, gifted specialists, and of course you, the parent. I hope you will always feel welcome to message or schedule a meeting with your gifted specialist to discuss both hopes and concerns.

Being present for our students requires us (the adults) to put aside our challenges and demands on our time to give our kids time to share. Let us always work to put kids first.

Young minds need to be both pushed and supported. As Mary Catherine Swanson is quoted, “Rigor without support is a prescription for failure; support without rigor is a tragic waste of potential.” Let us work together this year to provide our kids with both rigor and support.

Dr. Michael Elder

Director, College and Career Readiness

A Note from Your AIG Specialist...

Welcome back to Gifted and Advanced Services. I hope you are as excited as I am about facing the new challenges that the 2023-2024 school year brings. Working together, we can ensure that this school year will be enriching, challenging, and successful!

The Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) program exists to ensure that the academic, intellectual, social, and emotional needs of gifted and potentially gifted students are met. It is my goal, as the AIG Specialist, for your child’s school to inspire the love of

learning in your child, to promote critical thinking and creativity, and to provide the support needed to reach his/her full potential.

The major components of the service delivery plan will be face-to-face this school year. While some components and student/teacher communication will still be delivered via our Microsoft TEAMS platform, all students will receive person-to-person instructional time with Ms. Holder. Students are scheduled to receive services in each advanced area or identification area

(Reading, Math, and/or IG) once per week. During this time, students will work with advanced peers on activities that promote problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and reflection.

I look forward to working with you and your student this school year!

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