



CAREER AND COLLEGE
 Gifted Services
 Excellence in Education

Onslow County Schools

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.

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.

For a more detailed list of ways parents can help their gifted child succeed, download and read the full brochure here: [“Helping Your Gifted Child Succeed”](http://www.nagc.org) from www.nagc.org.

Director’s Discussion

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!

The beginning of the school year is such an exciting time and therefore full of so many emotions. Excitement can lead to happiness, fear, surprise, and almost any other emotion. As we work with our kids some people find Dr. Robert Plutchik’s wheel of emotions helpful. Even Disney has used similar thoughts in designing the “Inside Out” movies. A more family-friendly emotion wheel can be found at <https://mentalhealthcenterkids.com/blogs/articles/emotion-wheel-for-kids>.

Our gifted services theme this year is “Designing to the Edges.” As we continue to refine our gifted services, we want to ask ourselves how we can create learning opportunities that (safely) push our limits. In pushing the limits, we find what we are truly capable of while still having the safety of our specialist, our teachers, and our school community supporting us. Join us on our journey this year to your limits!

Dr. Michael Elder
 Director, College and Career Readiness

A note from your specialist...

I am excited to return as Parkwood Elementary’s gifted specialist for the 2024-25 school year. I look forward to being a part of the team committed to making this school year enriching, challenging, and successful for your child!

The Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG)/Advanced Academics program exists to ensure that the academic, intellectual, social, and emotional needs of gifted and potentially gifted students are met. It is my goal to inspire the love of learning in your

child, to facilitate academic growth, and to provide the support needed to help him/her reach his/her full potential.

The major component of the service delivery plan this year will be face-to-face pullout sessions with me. The Microsoft Teams platform will also be used to share information and support instruction. Students identified as gifted or advanced in reading, math, and/or nonverbal aptitude will receive services weekly. During our sessions, students will work with ad-

vanced peers on activities that promote problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, goal-setting, and reflection.

I look forward to sharing more information about gifted services with you at Annual Review meetings over the next few weeks and working with you and your child this school year at Parkwood.

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