



NORTHVILLE

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Alternative Learning Program for Students (ALPS)

The Alternative Learning Program for students (ALPS) is designed to meet the unique educational needs of academically talented students. Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade are transported by shuttle bus from their home school to another Northville elementary school for their entire school day. Students learn the same Northville Board-approved curriculum as their peers, which meets the Michigan K-12 Standards in English language arts, math, science, and social studies. ALPS provides classroom interaction with similar learning peers and employs the learning strategies as described above. In the ALPS classrooms, there is less emphasis placed on instruction and more emphasis placed on the application of knowledge.

Advanced Program Entry - 2nd Grade students

Selection for the Alternative Learning Program for Students (ALPS) is based on a comprehensive review of multiple academic data points. With the district's shift from NWEA to i-Ready, eligibility scores will utilize i-Ready results in conjunction with former NWEA scores (specifically, the 97th percentile, with a 2% flexibility margin), and other data points. The Advanced Programming Committee will review:

- **1st grade - Spring NWEA Test Percentile in Math & NWEA Test Percentile in ELA**
- **2nd grade - Fall i-Ready percentiles in Math & ELA**
- **2nd grade - Winter i-Ready percentiles in Math & ELA**
 - *Spring i-Ready Math & ELA (reviewed during Appeals process)*

Students who meet the initial requirements will be invited to participate in a mandatory on-site assessment. Current NPS parents will be notified early spring if the student is eligible to attend this on-site assessment. For families whose students narrowly miss the criteria for ALPS screening, the parent consideration form may be completed. The Advanced Programming Committee will thoroughly review these applications to determine if a potential screening opportunity should be offered.

[See website](#) for all forms and posted deadlines.

The [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document addresses the most common questions, any additional questions or concerns regarding the ALPS program should be directed to

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