

Arkansas Act 455 of 1983

“Gifted and talented children and youth are those of high potential or ability whose learning characteristics and educational needs require qualitatively differentiated educational experiences and/or services. Possession of these talents, or the potential for their development, will be evidenced through an interaction of above average intellectual ability, task commitment and/or motivation, and creative ability.”

Philosophy

The Lawrence County School District is committed to providing a gifted and talented program designed to develop and enhance extraordinary abilities possessed by gifted, talented and creative students.

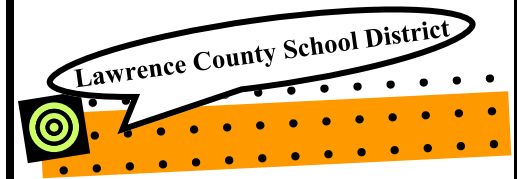
The gifted, talented and creative program strives to provide a differentiated learning environment that encourages inquiry, divergent thinking, and creativity while enhancing the development of each student's unique potential through a challenging curriculum addressing each student's individual needs.

Goals

The Lawrence County School District's gifted and talented program goals are to provide students with positive learning environments, opportunities, and activities more suiting to individual needs.

Identification

The Lawrence County School District's gifted and talented program accepts nominations from students, school personnel, parents, and community members. Referrals are solicited by posting identification procedures and referral forms on the district website and emails are sent to Kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers at the beginning and end of each year. Observation checklists are obtained from K-2 teachers in the spring and placement in the resource room begins in the third grade. Permission from parents is obtained before the administration of any of the subjective or objective tests. State standardized test scores are collected, along with Parent/Teacher Rating Scales, grades, and products. Students' scores are recorded and distributed to the identification committee consisting of the principal, counselor, classroom teachers and the GT coordinator. Committee decisions are based on blind screening. Parents, students, teachers, and school personnel are notified in writing of the selection results. Permission from parents is obtained before placing a student in the gifted/talented program.



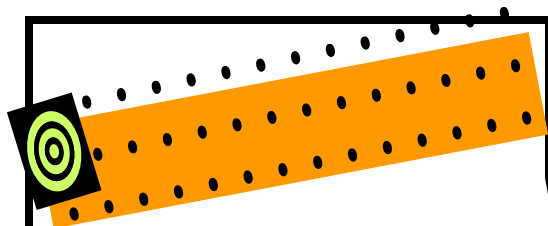
Gifted and Talented Program

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Program Options

Whole Group Enrichment

Kindergarten through second grade students are provided services through Whole Group Enrichment by the GT coordinator for thirty minutes weekly.

Resource

Third through sixth grade students are provided services by the GT coordinator in the resource room for 150 minutes.



Honors Classes

Fifth through tenth grade students are served through Honors Classes in English and math.

Advanced Placement

Tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students are served through Advanced Placement courses such as Pre-Calculus, Government, U.S. History, World History, Biology, English Language and Composition and English Literature and Composition.

Additional Learning Opportunities

Odyssey of the Mind
Chess
Quiz Bowl
Business Expo
Story Store
Project Fair
Space Camp
Arkansas Bioscience Institute at ASU
Theatrical Presentations

Performance Standards

1. Creative Thinking

Fluency
Flexibility
Originality
Elaboration
Curiosity
Imagination

2. Critical Thinking

Analysis
Synthesis
Evaluation
Problem Solving

3. Research/Independent Learning

Select/Develop Topic
Data Collection
Organizing/Analyzing Data
Presentation and Evaluation of Product

4. Communication

Verbal
Non-Verbal
Written
Listening

5. Affective Development

Self Concept
Interpersonal Relations
Personal Decision Making
Risk Taking
Leadership
Survival Skills