

NEWS FROM THE ACADEMICALLY GIFTED DEPARTMENT

The Middle School Edition

Quarter 1

When dealing with people, remember you are not dealing with creatures of logic, but with creatures of emotion. *-Dale Carnegie*



Middle School AG Services

At the middle grades level, to be identified as academically gifted, the student must have an achievement score at or above the 85th percentile in math and/or reading. Once identified, students in grades 6 – 8 receive the following services: **Enrollment in advanced coursework** (math and/or ELA based on identified area and district placement guidelines)

To ensure proper differentiation occurs in the classroom, teachers of academically gifted students should hold their AIG licensure or, at a minimum, have completed the district's professional development on the characteristics of academically gifted students and proper classroom support for academically gifted and advanced learners. Annually, the school will provide a copy of the **Differentiated Education Plan (DEP)**, which details how the curriculum provided in advanced coursework differs from grade-level content and supports the learning needs of academically gifted students. Each year, the school holds a beginning-of-year parent meeting for parents to review the **DEP** and seek clarification regarding their child's AG service. In addition to the DEP, for newly identified students or for students who have added an identification area, the **Student Eligibility Record (SER)** is provided. The **SER** details the data that was reviewed for AG eligibility. The **SER** must be signed and returned by the parent/guardian.

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News from Our School:

Join us for the BoY (Beginning of the Year) AG Parent Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Information will be shared about the 2022 – 2025 District AG services and the program services at WGMS.

Please make sure that we have your most up-to-date contact information on file. Contact Mrs. Sims at 336-316-5833 or simsa@gcsnc.com to advise of any changes. Be sure to join the AG Parent Remind group. It is the most effective way to communicate information between the school and home. To join, text @agad274 to 81010.

