



WMS Advanced Academics & Talent Development *Services Overview*

Hello!

I am Kristie Board

- Educator at APS for 10 years (AAC, Classroom teacher, and Instructional Lead Teacher)
- Educator in Virginia for 20 years
- Prior APS Parent
- Undergraduate and graduate degrees from JMU
- Gifted Education certification from UVA



Services at Williamsburg

How are services provided?

- Classroom teachers provide **differentiation** for gifted learners within the classroom setting.
- Identified students are grouped in **clusters** with other identified peers within the content area classrooms. (6th grade = Science, Social Studies, Reading, Math 6 and English). Teachers with gifted clusters receive training in creating a rigorous curriculum utilizing critical and creative thinking resources.
- 7th & 8th grade **clustering** occurs in intensified courses.

Services at Williamsburg

My job, as the (Advanced Academics Coach) AAC (previously the RTG) is to:

- support and coach classroom teachers as they increase rigor and infuse critical and creative thinking for all learners.
- collaborate with grade-level teams to plan and/or implement advanced content/ differentiated instruction.
- maintain the Advanced Academics & Talent Development website: includes resources and monthly newsletter for parents
- support you and your child

Screening, Referral, & Identification Process

- **As the AAC, I also manage the screening, referral and identification process for gifted identification.**
- Specifics about the testing process for this year will be shared during the *Advanced Academics & Talent Development Parent Information Sessions* coming this fall.
- The *gifted identification process* typically begins in the Spring, however the collection of documentation and learner observations takes place all year.
- Referrals may be submitted by parents, teachers, students, and other staff members. For more information, visit the Identification page on our website.



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