

Gifted Services Delivery of Services Parent Information Session

Williamsburg Middle School



Who Is the AAC (Advanced Academic Coach)?

- ▶ 20 years of experience in education
- ▶ Gifted certification coursework: UVA
- ▶ Degrees from James Madison University
- ▶ Reading Specialist: K-12
- ▶ Post Graduate Certification: Middle School English
- ▶ Experience with elementary & secondary education, gifted, remediation, English Learners, and SPED
- ▶ Instructional Lead Teacher



Most importantly, I LOVE my job!



I enjoy designing enrichment and extension opportunities for our students as well as differentiated activities that provide challenge within the everyday classroom experience. I am passionate about making sure gifted learners thrive and develop their talents!



Delivery of Services

Gifted Services in APS: Who Receives Services?

- ❑ APS identifies:
 - ▶ learners who demonstrate or have the potential to demonstrate exceptional aptitude and talent in specific academic areas in grades K-12 and/or visual and performing arts in grades 3-12.

- ❑ These students have needs that require continuous services through appropriately differentiated curricula responsive to the individual student's learning readiness, strengths, and interests.

Gifted Services in APS: Collaboration/ Clustering Model

How do we do we deliver services?

- ▶ Classroom teachers are trained in gifted education. They provide differentiation within the classroom setting.
- ▶ The AAC serves as a resource for teachers to provide this differentiation.
- ▶ Gifted students are placed in clusters with other identified peers.

Classroom Support (Grades 6-8)

- Plan with grade-level teams to incorporate and/or implement advanced content
- Utilize collaborative teaching methods to provide support for differentiating instruction
- Advocate for underrepresented populations (twice exceptional learners, English learners, and low income students).
 - Work with Equity & Excellence Coordinator

Role of AAC within the PLC

The primary role of the AAC is to increase teachers' capacity to infuse gifted pedagogy into the general education classroom.

Please check out our [Delivery of Services webpage](#) on our gifted services website for more information!

FAQs



Common Questions/ Overview

- **Is my child receiving gifted services even though they aren't getting pulled out of the classroom by the resource teacher?**
 - Yes! Teachers are trained in gifted education and are providing differentiation within the classrooms.
 - I support teachers with creating lessons so sometimes I am in the classroom to help implement lessons but I do not work with students on a regular basis.

Common Questions/ Overview

- **My child is interested in attending a high school such as TJ, Washington and Liberty's IB Program or Arlington Tech. What steps should they take while at WMS?**
 - Aside from taking Algebra 1 (This is a requirement for most of these schools), they are looking for community service, extracurricular activities (participation in clubs), and awards (such as science fair).
 - You can include that your child has taken intensified courses on the application for TJ.
 - Your child can still join a club even if they missed the activities fair!
 - [Select this link](#) to learn about dates/ times for information sessions.
- **Where is the WMS Advanced Academics Website?**
 - Go to WMS website -> Teachers/Departments -> Advanced Academics.
 - <https://williamsburg.apsva.us/advanced-academics-williamsburg/>

Common Questions: Overview

- **External Opportunities: Clubs/ Activities**

- Students can still start a club...they just need to contact Ms. Hogwood. Information is on the [After School Clubs](#) website page.
- Students can find club information in their WMS Student Canvas Course. They should contact the club sponsor with any questions.

There are many to choose from!

- Inked (Writing)
 - TAB-Teen Advisory Board (Reading)
 - Jazz Band
 - Technology Student Association/ Robotics (STEM)
 - Model UN (Debate- Social Studies)
 - Chess
 - Best Buddies (Community)
 - Helping Hands of Arlington
 - Math Counts...just to name a few!!!
- **I am also happy to speak with your child if they need help finding something they are interested in!**



General Information

Ongoing Communication

- Williamsburg Middle School Advanced Academics Website/ APS Gifted Services Website
- PTA Digital Newsletter
- Quarterly Differentiation Report

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Gifted Services Advisory Committee (GSAC)

Arlington Public School's Parent Advocacy Group
Part of Advisory Council of Instruction

<https://www.apsva.us/aci/gifted-services/>



This group meets monthly. More information can be found [in this link.](#)

Questions?

If you have questions regarding services, please!
complete this [Google form](#). I will follow up with
you!

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