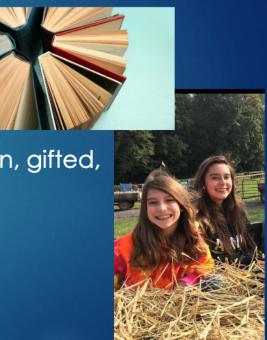
# Gifted Services Delivery of Services Parent Information Session

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 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 <u>Delivery of Services</u> 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 <u>After School Clubs</u> 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
<a href="https://www.apsva.us/aci/gifted-services/">https://www.apsva.us/aci/gifted-services/</a>





This group meets monthly. More information can be found in this link.

## Questions?

If you have questions regarding services, please! complete this <u>Google form</u>. I will follow up with you!

