

Academically or Intellectually Gifted Program

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Dear 3rd Grade Parents,

The purpose of the Wake County Public School System Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Program is to provide an appropriately challenging educational program for students who perform, or show potential for performing, at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment.

The Wake County AIG Program supports a unique nurturing component, 3rd Grade Explorers. The AIG teachers work in partnership with third grade teachers to plan a variety of experiences designed to elicit high academic performance. The AIG and the classroom teachers assess student performance during these experiences.

Students who demonstrate high performance participate in small group enrichment activities. Some students may participate in one or more small group experiences, while other students may not demonstrate a need for this enrichment. Participation in a small group experience does not mean that the student has been, or will be, identified for future AIG services.

Evidence from 3rd Grade Explorers may be considered with the informal indicators including student learning behaviors, student performance, student interest, and student motivation. Formal indicators, such as aptitude and achievement scores from norm-referenced tests, are also considered for possible AIG nomination.

Due to COVID shifts the county has had to make, AIG identification for third grade this school year will look different this year. Currently, there is no CogAT/Iowa testing occurring in schools. At this time, the COVID 2020-2021 Student Portfolio will be used for identifying our gifted students.

The portfolio will be compiled by the classroom teachers and can include any of the following:

- Grade Level Assessments
- Gifted Rating Scale
- 3rd Grade Explorers Data
- 3rd Grade Work Samples
- At least 5 exemplary classroom work samples
- Student Learning Behaviors
- Student Performance
 - Language Arts and Math Grades
 - Istation Data
 - Student portfolios and work samples
- Student Interest
- Student Motivation

More information regarding the AIG identification process will be shared during the coming months. We appreciate your patience as we navigate through this new process.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Seder & Miss Sheehan
Olive Chapel Elementary AIG Teachers