WHAT IS GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAMMING?

The Northumberland County Public Schools Gifted and Talented Programs serve gifted, talented and creative children of both genders and all cultural and socioeconomic groups in Kindergarten through Grade 12. Gifted, talented and creative children have the potential to perform at remarkably high levels for their age, experience, or environment. The Gifted and Talented Programs help these students thrive by offering challenging and supportive educational experiences and services. Together, these programs and services nurture the academic, creative, artistic, leadership abilities, and social/emotional needs of gifted, talented and creative children.

The mission of Gifted and Talented Education Programs is to provide challenging and engaging learning experiences and opportunities for growth that enable children with high potential, talent, and exceptional capacity to develop to their fullest potential.

REFERRAL PROCESS

In order to insure that our students receive the educational experiences they need to make use of their potentials and abilities, it is necessary to take care in the identification of those who may need special programming. **It may take up to 90 business days.** The supportive data for identification and placement must be gathered from a variety of sources in order to accurately access a student's abilities and strengths.

Steps to Identification

1. A child is referred by a teacher, parent, community member, or another member of school personnel.
2. Support data is collected (Student eligibility scales, standardized achievement/ability test scores, and grade point average).
3. A second level of ability or achievement test may be administered, if necessary. Parents will be informed at this step.
4. A county committee is scheduled to consider the data.
5. Parents/student will be notified of results.

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Questions?
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Grades K-2
- Young Scholars Summer Program

Grades 2-3
- Pull out literature groups (2 times per week for 45 mins)
- ARROW (Academic Rigor Reaching Out Worldwide) After School Programming (1 time per week)
- 1 Field Trip per semester

Grades 4-5
- Pull out literature groups (2 times per week for 45 mins)
- ARROW (Academic Rigor Reaching Out Worldwide) After School Programming (1 time per week)
- 1 Field Trip per semester
- Art Talented Programming
- Choir Opportunities in School
- Summer Regional Governor's School

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Grades 6-12
- 1 Field Trip per semester
- After School Programming
- Art Talented
- Future Problem Solvers Program
- Scenario Writing Program
- Robotics
- Sea Perch (www.seaperch.org)

Grades 6-8
- Community Problem Solvers Program (1 time per week during pull-out electives)
- Summer Regional Governor's School
- Just 6th grade: 3 Day and 2 Night Field Trip with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Grades 9-12
- Take the PSAT in 9th grade
- Apply to Chesapeake Bay Governor's School in 9th grade (to attend 10-12th)
- 10th-11th grade can apply to attend Summer Regional Governor's Programs