PROGRAM SERVICE OPTIONS

Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade

The Academically Intellectually Gifted Program serves students in kindergarten through second grade by implementing Talents Unlimited, a specialized program that emphasizes higher order thinking skills, nurtures gifted behaviors, and facilitates a variety of teaching methods. The researched-based program enhances existing programs and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. In order to implement the program effectively, K – 3 classroom teachers are trained or are in the process of being trained.

The AIG specialist may work with the classroom teachers in providing additional services such as staff development, nurturing activities, content acceleration, compacting, and consultation. The AIG Needs Determination Team may recommend an Individual Differentiated Education Plan for any K-2 student who has exhibited an intense need for differentiation well beyond the regular classroom. This may include flexible grouping, cross-grade grouping, grade acceleration, or early kindergarten entrance. State standards for early admission to kindergarten are found in Appendix C of this document.