NURTURING PROGRAM

Definition of Nurturing Program

Students from different cultural or language backgrounds, the economically disadvantaged, and students with sensory impairments or other physical disabilities are often underrepresented in programs for the gifted. The nurturing program is designed to discover students from underrepresented populations with high intellectual potential who would benefit from gifted services. This program provides nurturing skills and activities that may increase their higher level thinking skills. The goal is to enable students to qualify for the AIG program in 3rd, 4th or 5th grades.

Identification

Teachers in grades K-3 may refer students using the Nurturing Referral form. (AIG 8) Students will be considered for services based on:

- academic achievement at grade level or above
- characteristics of an underrepresented population
- evidence of gifted behaviors

Advanced and Enriched Learning

Students participate in advanced and enriched learning experiences which support affective and cognitive growth and may include but are not limited to:

Higher Order Thinking Skills

Analogies

Critical Thinking

Creative Thinking

Creative Writing

English Language Arts

- Setting a purpose
- Previewing the text
- Using meta-cognitive strategies
- Making connections
- Making predictions
- Asking questions
- Identifying genres
- Recognizing story elements
- Analyzing cause and effect
- Determining fact and opinion
- Understanding figurative language
- Making personal connections
- Summarizing
- Developing critical stance
- Building vocabulary

Mathematics

- Logical thinking
- Estimation and rounding
- Number sense
- Strategies for word problems
- Measurement
- Permutations and combinations
- Symmetry and congruency
- Geometric properties
- Patterns/Classification
- Probability
- Number sentences

Assessment

Assessment tools and processes will be used to collect and analyze formative and summative evaluation data to determine the growth of students in the nurturing program. These assessments include:

Grade	English Language Arts	Mathematics
Kindergarten	Pretest: Running Records, K-2 Literacy Assessments, DIBELS	Pretest: Quarterly Math Assessment
	Post test: Running Records (EOY), K-2 Literacy Assessments, DIBELS	Post test: Quarterly Math Assessment (EOY)
First	Pretest: Kindergarten Running Record, K-2 Literacy Assessments, DIBELS	Pretest: Quarterly Math Assessment
	Post test: Running Records (EOY), K-2 Literacy Assessments, DIBELS	Post: Summative Math Assessment (EOY)
Second	Pretest: First Grade Running Record, K-2 Literacy Assessments, DIBELS	Pretest: Quarterly Math Assessment
	Post test: Running Record (EOY), K-2 Literacy Assessments, DIBELS	Post test: Summative Math Assessment (EOY)
Third	Pretest: Pretest 3rd	Pretest: Pretest 3rd
	Post test: EOG 3rd	Post test: EOG 3rd