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Gifted/Talented

2008-2009



Professional Development:
Staff development as it relates to the school's CSIP and instructional strategies that are effective for students with gifted characteristics

- Assist schools in setting G/T goals that relate to their Comprehensive School Improvement Plan
- Act as a liaison to help schools find specialists to address principal, school and teacher needs
- Collaborate with principals, teachers, teams and faculties to address specific needs and concerns relating to students with gifted characteristics
- Provide professional development to area schools on effective instructional strategies
 - Differentiation 1 - Developing clear curriculum goals and common assessments
 - Differentiation 2 - Using assessment, flexible grouping, and differentiation strategies to meet the varied needs of learners.
 - Strategies for integrating creative and critical thinking skills into core curriculum for ALL students

District Gifted/Talented Special Programs:
Programs that teach higher process skills that lead to the development of a final product

- Initiate, plan, judge, and facilitate
 - Creative Pursuit (1st-6th)
 - Debate (5th-6th)
 - FPS/Scenario Writing/Service Learning (4th-6th)
 - History Fair (4th-6th)
 - Monster Math (2nd-6th)
 - Story Weavers: A Storytelling Showcase (4th-6th)
 - Talented Young Writers (1st-3rd)
- Provide professional development and support of special programs
- Assist principals, teachers, teams and faculties in infusing special programs into core curriculum goals

Meeting the Needs of High Ability Students at Local Schools:
Empower teachers to meet the needs of identified students (those scoring at the 80-99% on ITBS scores)

- Provide a menu of ideas and supporting materials
- Provide professional development opportunities
- Support and assist teachers as requested

GT Networking:
Professional development meetings school representatives

- Plan, organize, and facilitate professional development for K-6 teachers: Connecting Kids and Content 1: Math
- Assist and support school GT Networkers

Communication:
Public relations related to gifted/talented programming

- GT website
- Address parent needs/concerns
- Assist principals with GT goals, budgets, planning, etc.
- Generate and distribute a monthly GT Newsletter
- Assist in the development of school public relations booklets

ALPS:
District Accelerated Learning Program for Students

- Create awareness of ALPS program
- Plan, organize and facilitate testing
- Conduct conferencing of test results with parents
- Assist ALPS principals and teachers as needed
- Plan, organize and facilitate ALPS principals and teachers' yearly professional development retreat