

AIG Frequently Asked Questions

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Answers

- 1) **Q** How can a child be placed in AIG?

A Students qualify for AIG services based on criteria established by the Allegheny County School Board of Education. Multiple criteria are used in this decision-making: EOG scores, aptitude scores, grades, outstanding work samples, and strong teacher referral. This information is used in a school team review to determine which students are exhibiting a need for differentiation beyond the regular classroom assignments. Based on the student's level of need, a plan for student services is developed. The aptitude test is given in the spring to all second grade students in Allegheny County. This information is used as part of the screening/identification process.

- 2.) **Q** What can I do to prepare my child for the aptitude test?

A Parents can make sure their child gets a good night's rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time. No other preparation is necessary.

- 3) **Q** If my child does not qualify for services at the time of screening, will he/she ever have another chance?

A If a student does not exhibit a need for differentiation at the time of initial screening, he/she is not excluded from future consideration. The school team reviews outstanding student work samples and monitors the student to see if they indicate a need for differentiation. If the student's work and other criteria indicate a possible need the next year, the team will review the new test scores and criteria.

4) **Q** If my child was receiving gifted services in another school district, does that mean he/she will automatically continue those services in Alleghany County?

A No. Each system has developed a plan which provides criteria for screening, identification, and services for their students who exhibit a need for differentiation. Should an Alleghany County student transfer to another school in Alleghany County, the student will remain in the AIG program. If a student transfer from outside Alleghany County, the school team will review data to decide if further screening is necessary. To qualify for AIG services in Alleghany County Schools a student must meet or exceed our minimum criteria on all standardized tests and meet or exceed our criteria.

5) **Q** At the elementary level, will my child only receive services from the AIG teacher?

A The differentiated services can be provided by both the classroom teacher and/or the AIG resource teacher.

6.) **Q** Why is the program service delivery model in middle and high school different from the elementary school model?

A The middle and high school concept is different from the elementary structure. Middle and high school requires different scheduling and class compositions. Students are offered various enrichment classes in the middle school while high school students can take honors or college courses. The AIG specialist will work in collaboration with classroom teacher to plan enrichment and extension as needed.

7.) **Q** Is there something my child must do once he/she has been identified to continue to receive services year after year?

A Once a student is identified AIG they will continue to receive AIG services in Alleghany County Schools until their graduation from high school. Each year services are reviewed with the parent and student. Students will not be removed from the program unless written request from the parent for withdraw is received.