

PLACEMENT PROCEDURES

Placement in the gifted and talented program requires a comprehensive procedure involving a referral process, assessment measures, and placement committee decision.

Referrals are on-going. Students may be referred during the fall or spring semester beginning in the third grade by staff, peers, parents, or community members.

Referrals for students in the spring semester of second grade may be done by staff or parents.

Once referred to the program, students are evaluated with subjective and objective measures to assess creativity, academic ability, and leadership skills.

A school-based committee then evaluates the case study for each student referred to determine placement based on the individual needs of the student.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Smackover-Norphlet School District serves students in grades K-12 through the following programming options:

- Grades K-2 Enrichment
- Grades 3-5 TAG
- Grades 6-12 Pre AP & AP Courses
- Grades 11-12 Concurrent Courses

STATE OF ARKANSAS DEFINITION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED

“Gifted and talented children and youth are those of high potential or ability whose learning characteristics and educational needs require qualitatively differentiated educational experiences and/or services. Possession of these talents and gifts, or the potential for their development, will be evidenced through an interaction of above average intellectual ability, task commitment and/or motivation, and creative ability.”

(Arkansas Reg., Gifted and Talented: Rules and Regulations: Program Approval Standards.)

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Arkansas Act 445 of the Quality Education Act ensures provision that all school districts provide a program for the gifted and talented students. According to the Arkansas Department of Education Program Approval Standards for Gifted Education, curriculum for the gifted should extend or replace the regular curriculum and should be differentiated in content, process, and/or product.

The curriculum should be coordinated with the district’s basic curriculum objectives but must be ***in place of*** rather than ***in addition to*** required classroom work.

Smackover-Norphlet *Gifted and Talented* Program



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ENRICHMENT

The Smackover-Norphlet School District provides Enrichment classes for all students in Grade K-2. Enrichment classes are monthly 30 minute, whole-class instruction taught by a certified Gifted and Talented Specialist centering on the development and fostering of critical and creative thinking strategies and techniques.

TAG

TAG (Talented and Gifted) classes serve the identified GT students in grades 3-5 through a pull-out program. TAG classes meet for 150 minutes per week with a certified Gifted and Talented Specialist. The TAG program provides academically enriched, differentiated and challenging instruction. Curriculum objectives include creative and critical thinking, problem solving, inter-and intra-personal interpretation, and higher level thinking strategies.

PreAP & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Pre-AP courses at the middle and high school level provide a firm foundation of knowledge and higher level thinking skills necessary for success in the Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

The AP program provides several college-level courses. Upon completion of these courses at the high school level, students are tested and, if successful, are awarded college credit accepted by most universities.

Middle School and Junior High Pre-AP courses work to develop the sophisticated skills necessary to help students be better prepared academically for success in the high school AP courses.

Pre-AP and AP courses are more demanding than regular courses. Students are expected to devote extensive time and energy in these classes. Homework assignments, projects, daily work, quizzes, and reading expectations are more rigorous than in a regular class.

The class will be very fast paced and individual modifications will be minimal.

PreAP Middle School Courses

Pre AP English
PreAP Social Studies
PreAP Arkansas History
Pre AP Math
Algebra I PreAP (8th grade)
Pre AP Science

PreAP High School Courses

English PreAP (9th – 10th grades)
Civics PreAP (9th Grade)
World History PreAP (10th grade)
Geometry PreAP (9th grade)
Algebra II PreAP (10th grade)
PreCalculus PreAP (11th – 12th grades)
Physical Science PreAP (9th grade)
Biology PreAP (10th grade)
Chemistry PreAP (11th grade)

AP Courses

AP English Literature (11th grade)
AP English Language (12th grade)
AP US History (11th grade)
AP Euro History (12th grade)
AP Calculus AB (12th grade)
AP Statistics (11th – 12th grades)
AP Biology (12th grade)
AP Computer Science Principles (9th – 12th grades)

Concurrent Credit

The following concurrent credit courses are available on the Smackover High School campus with credit awarded by SouthARK Community College:

Composition I and II (AP English Language)
World Literature I and II (AP English Literature)
US History I and II (AP US History)

The following concurrent credit courses are available during the school day on the SouthARK Community College campus with transportation and books provided by the Smackover-Norphlet School District:

College Algebra
Principles of Speech
General Psychology
Fundamentals of Biology with Lab

Students completing all of the concurrent credit courses (34 hours total) listed above are eligible to obtain a **Technical Certificate in General Studies** from SouthARK Community College while still enrolled in high school.

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The following concurrent credit courses are available during the school day on the Smackover High School campus in the distance learning lab with services provided by Virtual Arkansas and credit awarded by the University of Arkansas at Monticello:

Art Appreciation
Elementary Spanish I and II
Principles of Speech
College Algebra