KFCS TAG FAQ

Frequently asked questions about Talented and Gifted in Klamath Falls City School District

For more information on any of these questions, please review the <u>District TAG Plan</u>, contact your student's teacher and/or principal, or contact the district TAG director (Amy Hill, hilla@kfalls.k12.or.us).

What is TAG?

- TAG stands for Talented and Gifted.
- TAG students are students who require special educational programs or services, or both, beyond those normally provided by the regular school program, in order to realize their contribution to self and society. These are students who demonstrate outstanding ability or potential in one or more of the following areas:
 - (a) General intellectual ability (often referred to as, Intellectually Gifted).
 - (b) Academic ability (often referred to as, Academically Talented) in one or more academic areas (including, but not limited to: reading, mathematics, science, and social science).
 - (c) Creative ability in using original or nontraditional methods in thinking and producing.
 - (d) Leadership ability in motivating the performance of others either in educational or noneducational settings.
 - (e) Ability in the visual or performing arts, such as dance, music or art.
- How do you qualify for TAG in the Klamath Falls City Schools?
 - Each school has a TAG identification committee that looks at student data from assessments (national, state, local, and classroom-level), classroom work, and observations of the student. Students who have a preponderance of evidence that they need special services to thrive are identified.
 - If you think your student may qualify, contact their current classroom teacher and/or the principal.
- What services do you provide for TAG students?
 - Elementary students are primarily served in the regular classroom through differentiation. Each student has a Personal Education Plan that is set up with the parent and the teacher for the year. This usually happens at fall conferences.
 - Middle school students are served in the regular classroom through differentiation for most subjects, and advanced courses are offered in 8th grade in ELA and math.
 - High school students are served through a variety of advanced and honors courses, including Advanced Placement (AP) classes and dual-credit courses through KCC, OIT, and SOU.
- What are the state laws and requirements for TAG?
 - This link will take you to the official legal language regarding TAG in Oregon.
- What if I want to make a complaint or remove my student from services?

- Please contact your student's teacher first. Our district TAG plans/Personal Education
 Plans are designed to be very flexible to meet student needs and they can be updated
 when needed. Changes can included stopping services for the year without removing the
 TAG identification, so the student can return to the program in the future if they choose
 to do so.
- o If you are not satisfied with the response, please contact your student's principal next.
- If after these steps you would still like to make an official complaint, please fill out this form and send a copy to the principal and to the district TAG coordinator (Amy Hill, hilla@kfalls.k12.or.us, Ponderosa Middle School, 2554 Main Street, Klamath Falls OR 97601).