

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM OVERVIEW

All kindergarten and first grade students receive whole group enrichment with a Talents Unlimited lesson once every two weeks for 30 minutes with the GT facilitator. On the opposite week, teachers are given a Talents Unlimited lesson by the GT facilitator to be used for 30 min. whole group enrichment. Documentation is kept to start the ACE (Academic and Creative Education) identification process.

All second grade students receive Talents Unlimited 30 minutes weekly during the first semester by the GT facilitator. The students receive enrichment bi-weekly in the second semester. The second graders are identified at semester. The identified students are served 150 minutes starting second semester as well as getting the whole group enrichment bi-weekly with the GT facilitator. Identified students are pulled from the regular classroom for services.

Third-fifth grade identified students are served by the GT facilitator for 150 minutes each week. Identified students are pulled from the regular classroom for services.

Sixth-12 grade students are serviced through Pre AP and AP (Advanced Placement) classes. Teachers receive special certification by College Board in teaching advanced students in math, science, social studies, art, foreign languages and English. Pre AP rigorous classes prepare the students for AP classes in high school. Lake Hamilton is in the fifth year of AAIMS (Arkansas Advanced Initiative in Math and Science). The teachers have worked on vertical teaming and in creating a challenging curriculum. While all students benefit from advanced classes, the gifted students thrive on the opportunity to delve deeply into areas of interest and learn real world problem solving. The advanced classes allow them to receive credit for research and creativity, and place responsibility on the student for learning. Motivated students soar in the advanced classes. Research has shown that gifted students in grades 6-12 receive a greater benefit from Pre AP and AP classes preparing them for college. Students meet with the Coordinator of GT Programs for affective needs.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in activities such as Quiz Bowl, Future Problem Solving, Chess, Math Olympiad, Stock Market Game, Debate, Weekly New Quiz Game, Poetry contests, National Geographic Bee, National Scripps Spelling Bee and others.