

# GIFTED & TALENTED SERVICES

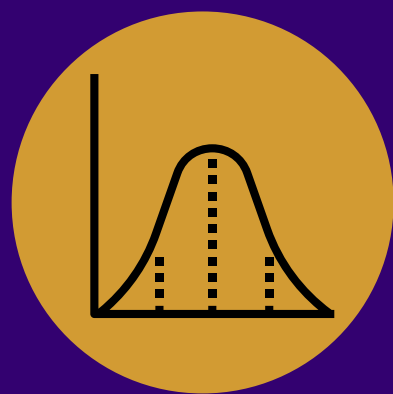


EXCEL is the program of services offered by Lumpkin County Schools to meet the special needs of its identified gifted and talented learners.

## EXCEL PROGRAM

The purpose of EXCEL (Exceptional Class of Eager Learners) is to provide more in-depth instruction in the following areas:

- Advanced Research
- Creative Thinking/Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking and Logical Problem Solving
- Advanced Communication
- Intrapersonal & Interpersonal Skills



## QUALIFYING FOR SERVICES

Our schools are constantly observing students and collecting data for potential gifted services. Once a student has been referred for services, a committee will consider testing eligibility.

There are four categories of assessments that may be used to identify students in need of gifted services: mental ability, achievement, creativity, and motivation.

## SERVICE TYPES

- **Clustering**  
Gifted students are clustered in classrooms with other students and with a gifted endorsed teacher
- **Resource**  
Gifted students are pulled out with other gifted students to receive instruction from the gifted specialist
- **Advanced Content**  
Gifted students are clustered in classrooms with other students and with a gifted endorsed teacher
- **Honors**  
Advanced content in core academic areas at the high school
- **Advanced Placement (AP)**  
College-level courses for eligible sophomores, juniors, and seniors in several academic areas
- **Dual Enrollment**  
College courses offered through a state university or technical college for eligible juniors and seniors



## PROGRAM GOALS

Our gifted students will

- develop advanced research skills and methods.
- develop and practice creative thinking and creative problem-solving skills with a variety of complex topics within the area of study.
- develop and practice critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills in the pertinent academic area(s).
- develop advanced communication skills.
- develop an understanding of self and how unique characteristics may influence interactions with others.

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