



Parent Information Night

January 4, 2018





Introduction

The mission of PLSAS is to educate ALL learners to reach their full potential as contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community.

SAGE Academy (School for the Advancement of Gifted Education) is a school-within-a-school for identified students in grades 3-5.

SAGE Academy provides an option to meet the needs of gifted learners within our school district.





Introduction

Synergy services and **SAGE Academy** are part of a system of support that provides comprehensive, articulated programming to students who demonstrate an ability to achieve above standards.





Identification

Qualifying Measures:

- **Measure of Ability:** CogAT, OLSAT 130 SAS score & above
 - Composite score of 130 Standard Age Score (SAS)
 - Individual IQ tests are accepted in place of a CogAT/OLSAT
- **Nationally normed Achievement Tests:** Current second grade students with 90th percentile on MAP
- **Teacher Checklist:** Completed by the student's current classroom teacher and gifted specialist
- All Candidates are reviewed by the **District Selection Committee**

Placement Procedure:

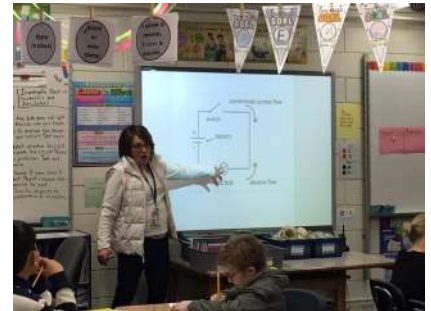
- Qualified Candidates who are district residents
- Candidates who are not district residents and meet criteria.
(Assessment will be required and paid for by non-district parents)



Curriculum

Daily, on-going differentiated instruction to meet the needs of gifted students:

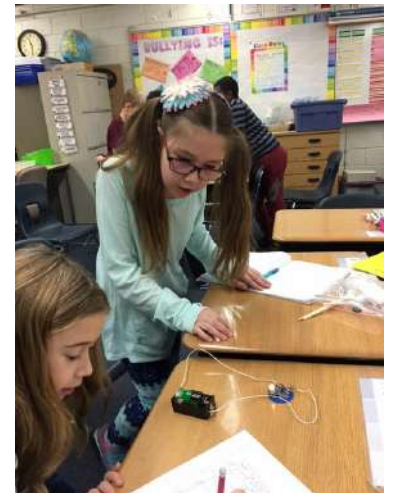
- Acceleration of basic content experiences
- Lessons utilizing differentiation, compacting and deeper investigations
- Inquiry as a fundamental tool for encouraging learning
- Open-ended activities and questioning that encourages further exploration or social action
- Development of creative products to stimulate use of higher level thinking and problem-solving processes
- Providing a program with consistent grade level curriculum experiences, rigor and expectations





Curriculum

- Curriculum is supplemented with rigorous program materials: *Math Olympiads, Jr. Great Books, William and Mary Curriculum, Lucy Calkins-Reading and Writing Units of Study, WordMasters, Mock Trial, Public Speaking, Greek/Latin Roots, Touchstones, Interact Science, History & Language Arts Units, Daily Science Instruction (lab-based)*
- Expected products, pace, and process will be at high grade level
- Social Studies and Science every day
- Math Acceleration is provided for all students (Additional acceleration is based upon student need)





Special Events

- Night of the Notables
- Cultural Bazaar
- Science and E-STEM Fair
- SAGE Challenge Days
- Poetry Slam
- Philosophy Slam
- Service Projects





Homework

WestWood's homework policy for third – fifth grade is 30-60 minutes per night

SAGE Academy's homework policy is:

- 3rd grade – 30-45 minutes per night
- 4th grade – 45-60 minutes per night
- 5th grade – 60-80 minutes per night
- Homework emphasis is on varied types of assignments geared to student needs and enhancement of topics studied
- Students in SAGE Academy develop independent work habits at an earlier age.





Daily Life at WestWood

- Students eat lunch, have recess and specialist classes each day with grade alike peers (as schedules permit)
- SAGE Academy students participate in grade level field trips, including Wolf Ridge ELC, as well as SAGE field trips
- 50 min. of Art, Music, Media/Technology per week
- 100 min. of Physical Education per week
- Jr. Naturalists, 4th/5th Grade Choir, Optional Field Trips- Creativity, Young Writer's, Service Club





Affective Needs

Social and emotional development and guidance of a gifted learner:

- Development of a healthy sense of self through self-knowledge and self-acceptance
- Development of healthy relationships through understanding of self and others
- Development of appropriate expectations of self and others
- Development of risk-taking behaviors in intellectual contexts





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Important Dates

January 8-12 – CogAT Testing

February 17– Application deadline
for out-of-district families

February 23 – District families will be
notified regarding qualifications
pending receipt of CogAT scores.

*Out-of-district families notified that
student qualifies for SAGE. Placement
pending acceptance via open
enrollment.*



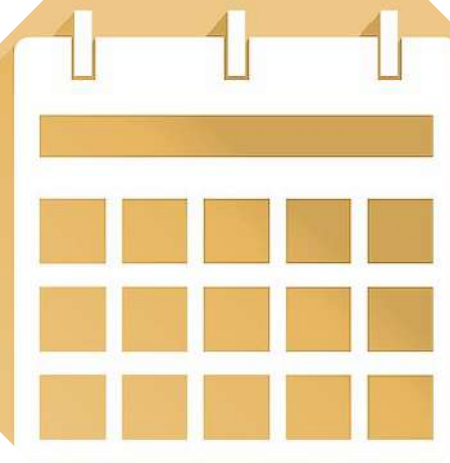


Important Dates

March 8 – SAGE Academy Qualified Student & Parent Curriculum Night at WestWood, 6:30 p.m.

March 21 & 22 – SAGE Academy Student Visits for qualified students

April 6 – SAGE Academy Commitment Forms due for in-district & out-of-district students.





Any questions?

THANK YOU!