

ANNUAL MEETING FOR PARENTS OF ACADEMICALLY GIFTED STUDENTS



How do we serve your AIG child at Bailey Middle School?

- Through a **Differentiated Education Plan (DEP)**



What is differentiation?

- A differentiated learning experience occurs when educators **modify the regular curriculum setting and select instructional practices** that reflect students' readiness for learning. This "readiness" includes **ability levels, achievement levels, interests,** and learning styles/preferences.

Middle Schools

Each middle school receives support from a full-time **Academic Facilitator** who works with students and teachers to develop rigorous, accelerated, complex curriculum and appropriate instructional practices. High performing middle school students are **evaluated annually** for instructional placement in Honors or Standard Plus language arts and math courses. Students identified as academically and intellectually gifted are grouped in classes or clusters for instruction in those courses.

How is middle school TD different from elementary school TD?

- Bailey uses cluster groups to serve our TD students in the classrooms. **We do not use a “pull out” model**; instead students are served in their classrooms through differentiated instruction. Students are provided learning experiences and assessments that are conceptually advanced, challenging and **complex**. Lessons involve **critical thinking, creative problem solving and inquiry based assessments**. Teachers will use pre and post assessments to determine students' strengths and weaknesses as well as ensure that students have mastered concepts taught.
- **Our Goal: to provide appropriately challenging, stimulating experiences throughout the school day.**

English Language Arts

- Reading Curriculum
 - **SpringBoard** (an official Pre-AP Program) created by the College Board.

***Please refer to the parent letter (handout) for more information about this program.

Differentiated Instruction: leveled novel studies, higher leveled tasks, stem vocabulary, challenging texts, independent individual/group tasks – support provided for SS and SC teachers

Math Track

Track 1

- Honors Math 6 – 6th Gr.
- Honors Math 7 – 7th Gr.
(Pre-Math 1)
- Math I – 8th Gr.

Track 2

- Pre-Math I – 6th Grade
- Math I – 7th Grade
- Math II – 8th Grade

High School Math Courses

9th Grade – Math II or Math III

10th Grade – Pre Calculus

11th Grade – Calculus A/B with the option of taking Calculus B/C concurrently

12th Grade – AP Statistics or Calculus B/C

How will Bailey Middle School communicate with the parents of our Talent Development (TD) students?

- Quarterly TD Newsletters
- At the end of the year a **Performance Review** will be sent home with every TD student along with their CMS report card.



What Special Programs does Bailey offer?

- Bailey Gives Back
- Theater/Drama
- Duke TIP
- Chess Club
- Science Olympiad
- Honors Chorus
- Honors Dance
- Jazz Band
- Robotics
- HorsePower Motorsports STEM
- WBAM Productions
- Stock Market Club
- Rugby/LaCrosse
- Cross Country for Youth
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Step Team
- Math Club

TD 2nd Semester Research Project

- On a **volunteer basis**, students can sign-up to complete an independent research project that will explore a social issue .
- Community Service will be an extension of their research paper.
- Student's will receive first-hand experience with citing primary sources and extending their **research skills** which is necessary for college prep work.
- Making connections to the real-world



Questions?

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