ADVANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Providing Challenges for All Students

SPRING HILL SCHOOL
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“Each child has a unique profile of strengths and abilities.”

FCPS is committed to providing challenging learning experiences for all learners that build on their individual strengths and optimize their abilities.
Every child deserves an opportunity to be challenged at the highest level possible. Therefore, SHES is committed to providing a challenging AAP curriculum/learning experiences for all learners. For those who can’t immediately meet the challenge, we scaffold to meet their needs.
## Continuum of Advanced Academic Services

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Adapted from the Integrated Continuum of Special Services by Sally Reis and Levels of Service by Donald Treffinger.
FCPS PROGRAMS: Levels of Service

LEVEL I
For all students

LEVEL II
For many students

LEVEL III
For some students

LEVEL IV
For a few students
I. Services for ALL students

The classroom teachers and the AART teach nine higher level thinking strategies across all subject areas and grade levels.

These skills are embedded in lessons that incorporate 21st century skills and Program of Studies goals.
Students in grades K-6:

- receive enrichment through activities in the Strategies Lab.
- develop problem-solving strategies for confronting the unknown or unfamiliar.
- improve their abilities to solve problems in and out of the classroom.
- learn to accept responsibility for their own learning.

Students from Mrs. Bulford’s class practiced new building techniques with Kapla Blocks...

AWESOME!
II. Services for MANY students

Differentiated Services are offered to students who have specific academic strengths.

The Advanced Academic resource teacher, AART, collaborates with classroom teachers to support differentiated instruction and to provide additional challenges within the general education program.
Each year a local committee screens all students in grades 3-6 for possible participation in advanced academics.

The Advanced Academic resource teacher provides direct services for these students with pull-out sessions throughout the year.
IV. Services for 40% of SHES grade 3-6 students

This is a full time program for identified students in grades 3 through 6 in ES that offers a highly challenging instructional program following the FCPS Program of Studies.

There is a strong emphasis on critical and creative thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making.
AAP LEVEL IV PROGRAM

- The AAP Level IV program provides full-time academic placement for high ability students.

- Teachers follow a curriculum framework to differentiate the depth, breadth, and pace of instruction based on the POS.

- Students work with academic peers in all core subject areas.

- AAP Level IV eligibility is determined by the central selection committee.
1. Ability & Achievement Test Scores
   · Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT)
   · Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT)
   · Standards of Learning (SOL)

2. Gifted Behavior Rating Scale (GBRS)

3. Progress Reports

4. Additional Information
   · Record of previous AAP services received
   · Work samples
1. Screening pool identified by FCPS (CogAT or Naglieri)  
   *Parents/guardians may initiate a referral*

2. Screening file prepared by local school AAP Committee:
   - Gifted Behaviors Rating Scale with Comments (GBRS)
   - Progress Reports
   - Test data results
   - Any additional information

3. Eligibility determined by the Central Screening Committee

4. Ineligible students reviewed by the Oversight Committee

5. Parents are notified.
ABILITY TESTS

Cognitive Ability Test
- Verbal
- Nonverbal
- Quantitative

Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test
- Nonverbal

Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children IV
- Verbal Comprehension
- Perceptual Reasoning
- Working Memory
- Processing Speed
- **Oct. 14-17, 2014**—CogAT testing 2nd gr., 3-6 new or retake by parent request

- **Oct. 24, 2014**—Referrals due to local school for students **NEW** to FCPS

- **Nov. 17-21, 2014**—NNAT testing for grade 2-6 not tested in grade 1, new and one time re-tests as per parent request

- **Feb. 3, 2015**—Referrals due to local school for FCPS students

- **March 9-13, 2015**—NNAT- All first graders: on-line testing

- **March / April 2015**—Central Selection Committee

- **May 2015**—Eligibility letters mailed

- **May 29, 2015**—Appeals due
FCPS INFORMATION

FCPS Advanced Academic Programs
https://www.fcps.edu/is/aap

AAP Parent Information Packet
http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/packet/ParentInformationPacketFCPS.pdf

AAP Frequently Asked Questions
http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/faqs/generalfaqs.shtml

Registration for AAP Parent Conference
http://fcps.blackboard.com/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab_tab_group_id=2_1&url=%2Fwebapps%2Fblackboard%2Fexecute%2Flauncher%3Ftype%3DCourse%26id%3D_4254_1%26url%3D