# Evansville Community School District

# Plan of Services for Advanced Learners

WORKING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HIGH ACHIEVING, ADVANCED, AND TWICE EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

#### **District Mission Statement**

The Evansville Community School District, in active partnership with families and the community, will provide a positive learning environment that challenges all students to achieve personal excellence and become contributing citizens of the world community.

#### EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ECSD PLAN OF SERVICES FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS



# Services for Advanced Learners Overview

#### INTRODUCTION

Students with gifts and talents, advanced or accelerated learners are found throughout our schools, in all ethnic and socioeconomic groups. The Evansville Community School District (ECSD) has a long history of providing programming to students with gifts and talents organized under the Wisconsin Pyramid Model and aligned to the 1998 NAGC Gifted Program Standards.

In November of 2010, the National Association of Gifted Children released its updated <a href="Prek-12 Gifted Programming Standards">Prek-12 Gifted Programming Standards</a> (NAGC, 2010). These standards represent a shift in emphasis from a "GT Program" where students are placed into specific groups, to a continuum of services including strategies and interventions for students demonstrating a need. The NAGC Prek-12 Standards address not only the academic needs of students, but also the social and emotional needs. In addition these standards address the needs of twice exceptional students and students from diverse backgrounds (racial, cultural, socioeconomic, gender, etc.). In response to these new standards and the growth of the Response to Interventions (Rtl) model, the WI DPI recommends that districts use the Rtl model to serve students with advanced, accelerated, or gifted learning needs.

So what does this mean? In an Rtl framework, identification for services for advanced learners looks a bit different than in the more traditional model that districts have used in the past. Identification shifts away from identifying and labeling children as "gifted" or "gifted and talented" to identifying specific educational services that students require at a given time. These needs will likely change over time as children develop and grow.

Services also change. The emphasis moves away from specific activities and programs to research-based strategies that are most often implemented in the classroom. Examples include flexible grouping, pre-assessment, and the use of differentiated lessons and assignments. Other strategies are more school-based, such as subject or grade acceleration. This model also acknowledges that student needs will change over time and that the level and type of services needed must be responsive to those changes.

Services for advanced learners in ECSD are grounded in the National Association of Gifted Children (NAGC) standards (revised 2010) for gifted education and Wisconsin state law.

#### WHAT IS GIFTEDNESS

Concepts of giftedness have changed over the years to recognize current brain research and the thinking of researchers in the field. Nationally, there is not an agreed upon definition of giftedness, however, the field acknowledges that giftedness can be found in all populations and cultures and that intelligences are fluid. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction gives the following guidelines for districts in developing gifted education plans:

- 1. Intelligences are dynamic and fluid.
- 2. Giftedness is inclusive.
- 3. Educational systems should be responsive.

For more information about the concepts of giftedness visit <a href="Implication for Practices">Implication for Practices</a> (WI DPI) on DPI's website or the <a href="resources">resources</a> for Section 1 of this document, <a href="What is Giftedness?">What is Giftedness?</a> (Mursky).

#### WI Areas of Giftedness

- General Intellectual
- Specific Academic
- Leadership
- Creativity
- Visual and Performing Arts

#### WISCONSIN STATE LAW

The Wisconsin State Statute (WI DPI) is as follows:

Wisconsin Statute 121.02(1)(t): Each school board shall provide access to an appropriate program for pupils identified as gifted and talented.

Wisconsin Statute: s. 118.35, Wis. Stats. Programs for gifted and talented pupils

In this section, "gifted and talented pupils" means pupils enrolled in public schools that give evidence of high performance capability in intellectual, creative, artistic, leadership, or specific academic areas and who need services or activities not ordinarily provided in a regular school program in order to fully develop such capabilities.

The state superintendent shall by rule establish guidelines for the identification of gifted and talented pupils. Each school board shall: a) Ensure that all gifted and talented pupils enrolled in the school district have access to a program for gifted and talented pupils.

From appropriations under s. 20.255(2) (FY), the department shall award grants to nonprofit organizations, cooperative educational service agencies (CESAs), institutions within the University of Wisconsin System, and the school district operating under ch.119 for the purpose of providing to gifted and talented pupils those services and activities not ordinarily provided in a regular school program that allow such pupils to fully develop their capabilities.

Administrative Rule 8.01(2)(t)2. Each school district shall establish a plan and designate a person to coordinate the gifted and talented program. Gifted and talented pupils shall be identified as required in s. 118.35(1), Stats. This identification shall occur in kindergarten through grade 12 in general intellectual, specific academic, leadership, creativity, and visual and performing arts. A pupil may be identified as gifted or talented in one or more of the categories under s. 118.35(1), Stats. The identification process shall result in a pupil profile based on multiple measures, including but not limited to standardized test data, nominations, rating scales or inventories, products, portfolios, and demonstrated performance. Identification tools shall be appropriate for the specific purpose for which they are being employed. The

identification process and tools shall be responsive to factors such as, but not limited to, pupils' economic conditions, race, gender, culture, native language, developmental differences, and identified disabilities as described under subch. **V** of ch. 115, Stats. The school district board shall provide access, without charge for tuition, to appropriate programming for pupils identified as gifted or talented as required under ss. **118.35(3)** and **121.02(1)(t)**, Stats. The school district board shall provide an opportunity for parental participation in the identification and resultant programming.

#### **Definitions of Terms**

**Access.** An opportunity to study through school district course offerings, independent study, cooperative educational service agencies, or cooperative arrangements between school district boards under s. 66.30, Stats., and postsecondary education institutions (from PI 8.001, Wis. Admin. Code).

**Appropriate program.** A systematic and continuous set of instructional activities or learning experiences which expand the development of the pupils identified as gifted and talented (from PI 8.01(2)(t), Wis. Admin. Code).

**Gifted and talented.** Pupils enrolled in public schools who give evidence of high performance capability in intellectual, creative, artistic, leadership, or specific academic areas and who need services or activities not ordinarily provided in a regular school program in order to fully develop such capabilities (from s. 118.35(1), Wis. Stats.).

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

Services for advanced learners in ECSD are grounded in the National Association of Gifted Children (NAGC) standards (NAGC, 2010) for gifted education, Wisconsin state law, and ECSD Policy #342.3, and support the mission of the Evansville Community School District.

Giftedness exists in all populations. Students who are advanced need learning experiences that allow them to develop and grow. These students are best served through a continuum of services integrated into an educational program that meet the needs of the whole child. Components of the Plan of Services for Advanced Learners include:

- Highly trained educators
- Rigorous core curriculum in grades K-12
- Assessment to inform instruction
- Response to Intervention/Instruction
- Differentiated curriculum and instruction
- Development of students as autonomous learners
- Identification matched with services
- Flexible pacing of instruction including opportunities for acceleration and enrichment
- Guidance to meet a student's unique social and emotional needs
- Partnerships between home, school, and the greater community

ECSD Policy 342.3 Gifted and Talented Program

ECSD Policy 343.3 Virtual School Program

ECSD Policy 343.31 Virtual School Program Administrative Rule

ECSD Policy 343.4 Advanced Learning and Credit Opportunities

ECSD Policy 343.42 Coop Work and Youth Options Programs

ECSD Policy 422 Early Admission to School

NAGC PreK-12 Gifted Programming Standards

What is Giftedness?



# Services for Advanced Learners through the Rtl Framework

Evansville Community School District Services for Advanced Learners are aligned with the current Wisconsin Model of Gifted Education Services under the Response to Intervention (RtI) framework and are grounded in the PreK-12 Gifted Programming Standards published by the National Association of Gifted Children (NAGC) in 2010 (NAGC, 2010).

WISCONSIN RTI MODEL



WI Rtl Model (WI DPI)

A student may be considered for gifted services or programming at any point in his or her school career. In the Rtl framework, students' needs are identified and served through a continuum of services. Student progress is monitored and services are adjusted throughout the student's K-12 career. The primary goal is always to promote student learning and growth within a supported environment.

#### IDENTIFICATION FOR SERVICES FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS UNDER RTI

There are multiple pathways to access services for students who are advanced. All services begin within the classroom. Teachers use assessment data to inform learning needs and adjust work, or differentiate instruction for particular skills and concepts. Some students require differentiated instruction for a few concepts or skills in a specific subject area for a short period of time, while other students require differentiated instruction for multiple concepts and skills in many subject areas over many years. Teachers also use enrichment as part of instruction for students. Families are encouraged to talk directly with their son's or daughter's teachers regarding learning goals, instruction, and differentiation within the classroom.

#### UNIVERSAL SCREENING

A second pathway is through universal screening. Educators examine the assessments taken by all students and search for multiple indicators suggesting that a student requires services for advanced learners. ECSD uses several assessments and inventories across the grade levels to screen for students in need of services. The chart below shows screeners currently in use.

Grade	Area	Screener	Timeline
K	Math	Common Benchmark Assessments	Fall/Winter/Spring
	Reading	PALS-K	Fall/Winter/Spring
		Fountas & Pinnell	Fall/Winter/Spring
		STAR Early Literacy	Winter/Spring
1 <sup>st</sup>	Math	Common Benchmark Assessments	Fall/Winter/Spring
		STAR	Fall/Winter/Spring
	Reading	Fountas & Pinnell	Fall/Winter/Spring
		PALS 1-3	Fall/Winter/Spring
		STAR Early Literacy & STAR	Fall/Winter/Spring
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Math	Common Benchmark Assessments	Fall/Winter/Spring
		STAR	Fall/Winter/Spring
	Reading	Fountas & Pinnell	Fall/Winter/Spring
		STAR	Fall/Winter/Spring
		PALS 1-3	Fall/Spring
$3^{rd}-5^{th}$	Math	Common Benchmark Assessments	Fall/Spring
		State Assessment	Fall/Spring
		STAR	Fall/Winter/Spring
	Reading	QRI	Fall/Spring
		State Assessment	Fall/Spring
		STAR	Fall/Winter/Spring
$6^{th}-8^{th}$	Math	State Assessment	Fall/Spring
		Iowa Algebraic Aptitude Test-7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	Spring
		STAR	Fall/Winter/Spring
	Reading	State Assessment	Fall/Spring
		STAR	Fall/Winter/Spring
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reading	Scholastic Reading Inventory-9 <sup>th</sup>	Fall
	Multiple Area	ACT – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Spring
	Reading/Writing/Math/ Science	Aspire-9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Spring
	Reading/Math	STAR	Fall/Winter/Spring
		State Assessment	Fall/Spring

#### REFERRAL

Finally, a student may be referred for services by a parent, guardian, educator, or a student in grades 6-12 through completion of an ECSD Services for Advanced Learners Referral form.

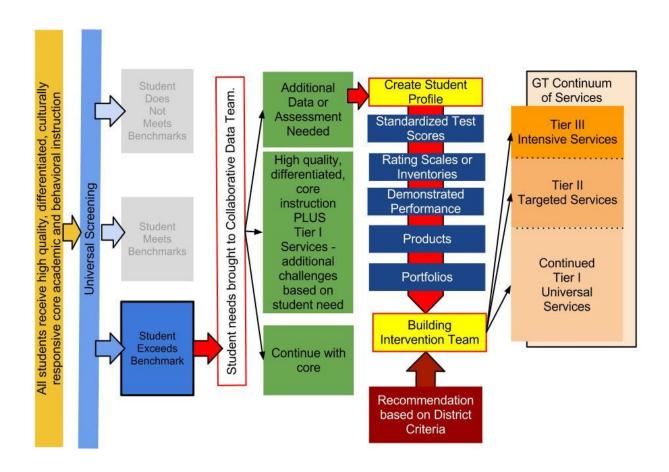
In each of these pathways, when services beyond differentiation are being considered, the Advanced Learning Coordinator or Specialist for advanced learners works to develop a student profile. The profile contains information from assessments, teacher inventories, parent inventories, student portfolios, and nomination forms. In some cases, additional assessment data is needed to make decisions. When this is the case, parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted for permission to conduct further assessment.

The district Advanced Learning Coordinator or Specialist for the advanced learner works with the Building Intervention Team to review the information contained in the student profile. The team searches for or identifies multiple indicators that show the need for advanced learner services and determines the appropriate level of service.

In some cases, the team's decision will determine that the student's needs will be met within the scope of services available within the classroom (see Services for Advanced Learners RTI Flow Chart). When a student is recommended for advanced learner services at the targeted or intensive levels, parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified of the recommendation and have the opportunity to participate in planning. A Differentiated Education Plan (DEP) will be developed and reviewed on at least an annual basis. Interventions will be outlined in the DEP and student progress will be monitored. Based on the changing needs of the student, the team will make recommendations to continue, end, or change services.

The "Services for Advanced Learners RTI Flow Chart" illustrates the process used to determine services based on student needs identified in the student profile. Note the dashed lines between levels of service indicating that movement may be fluid and may change based on a variety of factors. As students grow and mature, their educational needs change. Services at levels 2 and 3 will be documented in the Skyward GT Module.

#### SERVICES FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS RTI FLOW CHART



#### CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

ECSD uses a continuum of services to meet student needs. The <u>Continuum of Services Chart</u> outlines services in the five talent areas. Because student development changes over time and needs change over time, services may also change. For example, the services for a kindergarten student may look different than those for a middle school student. A student who requires extensions for reading while in second grade may have his/her learning needs met within a fourth grade classroom where the learning demands are more intense. In some cases, a type of service available at one grade level may be different than at another grade level to better meet the needs of students. The chart also illustrates that fewer students will typically need the more targeted and intensive level of services.

#### CONTINUUM OF SERVICES FOR ADVANCED LEARNERS CHART

All Students	Many Students	Few Students	Fewer Students
Universal	Universal	Targeted	Intensive
	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Rigorous Curriculum	Differentiated Instruction	Subject acceleration one - year	Early Entrance
High Quality Instruction	Pre-assessment	•	Grade level
Activities to enrich	Flexible Grouping Tiered lessons and	Curriculum Compacting Cluster placement	acceleration
learning	assignments Extensions	Independent Contracts Telescoping	Purchased Services
	Enrichments	3	Radical Acceleration
	Questioning Techniques Creative Thinking		two or more years
	Curriculum Compacting Independent Contracts		Youth Options
	,		Mentorship or Internship
Increasing le	vels of intensity as student i	needs increase.	

#### STUDENT WORKLOAD

In the Rtl model, students who are struggling receive instruction "in addition to" classroom instruction to make progress toward developing mastery of concepts and skills. For students with advanced learning needs there will be "instead of" work. At times this may mean that students will do *more* work. For example, a student who has shown mastery of a concept or skill might work on a project to develop skills and concepts at a higher level than other classmates. This may require reading higher levels of materials, extended writing, or complex problem solving, which may require more work than the student would do in the original assignment. The work would adequately challenge the student to achieve at a higher level.

It is typical for teachers to provide enrichment and differentiation for students within the classroom as part of the core curriculum. When a teacher begins to see that Tier 2 or Tier 3 services may be needed for a student, he or she should begin documenting the Tier 1 services that are already occurring in the classroom such as curriculum compacting, flexible grouping, independent projects, etc.

When Tier 2 or Tier 3 services are being considered based on district criteria under RtI, the Advanced Learning

Coordinator or Specialist for advanced learners will create a student profile. The profile will summarize student assessment data, classroom performance, previous services, and other information needed for decision making for the student. The profile will be discussed with the Building Intervention Team (BIT) using decision rules for services for advanced learners. When Tier 2 or Tier 3 services are selected, the Advanced Learning Coordinator or Specialist for advanced learners will make every effort to include parents in the creation of a DEP that outlines specific services, progress monitoring, and a schedule for review. Services will be documented in Skyward so that all teachers working with the student have access to appropriate information about the student's learning needs and interventions in place.

#### TWICE EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS

Twice exceptional learners are students who may have advanced academic needs in one or more subject areas while also needing special education services. In these cases, specialists for advanced learners work with classroom teachers, special education teachers, and families to plan for student learning. An example includes working to accelerate a student in math while providing special education services in reading.

#### SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Students who require advanced learning service may have unique social and emotional needs. Sometimes students may deal with anxiety, intensity, expectations that do not match strengths, or a lack of engagement. Many students who are advanced do not have any social and emotional issues. When issues arise, the staff for Advanced Learners work with counselors, teachers and school psychologists to support students and their families.

Differentiated Education Plan Template

Student Profile Form

Student Self-Referral Form

Parent/Guardian Referral Form



### Tier 1 - Services

Students with a wide range of experiences and learning needs can be found in our classrooms. All students are expected to learn and demonstrate proficiency of local, state, and Common Core standards. Some students may demonstrate mastery of concepts or skills prior to instruction or may learn the material very quickly. These students will typically need differentiation, enrichment, and/or extensions in their learning. Please note that care should be taken to examine subgroups of students in order to find students from underrepresented populations who may need these services. According to the <u>Achievement Trap</u> (Wyner), students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds may not be demonstrating achievement at the same level as their non-disadvantaged peers, but should be included in talent searches and offered extension and enrichment opportunities. These students may need additional support to be successful.

#### DIFFERENTIATION

When students demonstrate mastery on pre-assessments or quickly master skills during instruction, teachers will differentiate curriculum. There are several <u>models</u> for differentiation, but primarily teachers will use pre-assessment and formative assessment to determine student learning needs. Teachers will then modify or differentiate the content, process, product, or learning environment based on the information gathered (Thomlinson). Teachers may also have students complete independent projects, participate in competitions, or complete other enrichment activities to enhance learning. For more information about these strategies click the links below that will take you to information provided by Chrys Mursky from WI DPI (Mursky). These are also available in the resources for Section 3.

Information provided by WI DPI on Tier 1 Interventions			
<u>Creative Thinking</u>	<u>Inquiry Models</u>		
Critical Thinking	<u>Pre – Assessment</u>		
Flexible Grouping	Problem Based Learning		
Questioning Techniques Independent Contracts/Study			

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (AP) AND THE COLLEGE ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM (CAPP)

At the high school level all students have access to Advanced Placement Courses and courses offered through the College Advanced Placement Program. Motivation, energy, commitment, and risk taking are the qualities students need to experience success in these rigorous courses. AP and CAPP classes are first-year college level courses offered through Evansville High School. Students who accept the challenge of these courses will engage in rigorous college level curriculum while still in high school and have the opportunity to earn college credit by taking the AP Exams in May or by successfully completing the course in the case of CAPP. Although most students complete an AP Course to prepare for the AP Exam, it is not required. The College Board sets the cost of an AP Exam, however, either fee reductions or additional charges may apply based on financial need or the scheduling of the exam. Students are required to score three or higher on the AP Exam to receive college credit. Students should check with colleges that they plan to attend for specific details because individual institutions set their criteria for granting credit. The college granting credit sets the cost of a CAPP course. This fee is paid when students enroll. Upon successful completion of the course, students earn high school and college credit that can be transferred to most institutions. Students begin planning for these courses when in middle school and should think about course sequence to meet prerequisites for these courses.

#### COMPETITIONS/TALENT EXHIBITIONS

ECSD promotes programs, which give students the opportunity to compete or perform and to explore or exhibit their talent or special achievements. ECSD offers many extra-curricular activities and opportunities throughout the system and departments. Examples of competitions and enrichment opportunities are listed below. Although these activities are open to all students, students may have to try-out for a team or meet criteria set by the program.

WHAT	INFO	WHO
Noetic Learning Math	NLMC is a biannual math contest for elementary students.	$2^{nd}-3^{rd}$
Contest	The content encourages students' interest in math,	
	develops their problem solving skills and inspires them to	
	excel.	
NUMATS (Northwestern	NUMATS along with the Center for Talent Development	3 <sup>rd</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>
University Midwest	(CTD) facilitates an opportunity for academically talented	(MATH/
Academic Talent Search)	students to take an above-grade level test. Generally	LANG)
September-February	students who score in 90%ile or above on standardized	
	grade level assessments such as STAR are good	
	candidates for the EXPLORE, ACT or SAT test. The	
	results offer opportunities and aid in future educational	
	decisions for the students.	
	http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/	

Math Meet February-April	Math meet is a competition that includes the following events: problem solving (without a calculator), problem solving (with a calculator), mathematical reasoning, mental math, and team problem solving. Each gender should be represented on the eight member teams. Students are selected for teams by using current State assessments, STAR, and Math League scores. There is a 5th/6th grade team and a 7th/8th grade team. The math meets take place in April. There are sample problems and solutions located on the Greater Dane County TAG network. http://www.gdcaln.org/math-meet/	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> (MATH) All students may try-out for the team
Math 24 September- April	Math 24 is an intellectually challenging game leading to improved skill with basic facts and mental arithmetic. Each of the 96 card decks in the Math 24® Game series offers a range of challenges in each box: beginning ("1 dot") level problems, intermediate ("2 dot") level problems, and most challenging ("3 dot") problems. District tournaments are used to select team members to represent the district at regionals. More information at the Greater Dane Website: <a href="http://www.gdcaln.org/math-24/">http://www.gdcaln.org/math-24/</a>	4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> (MATH) All students may try-out for the teams
Yahara River Writers Anthology December-May	Yahara River Writers is a writing and cartooning contest. Students may enter ONE piece in ONE category in the following categories: cartooning, editorial, poetry, and short story. Students selected for publication in the Yahara River Anthology, will attend the Top 10 Workshop in May at UW-Madison to meet with other published authors.  http://www.gdcaln.org/yahara/	6th-8th (LANG) All students may submit entries
Engineering Expo March-April	The Engineering Expo is a three-day event that provides thousands of kids and adults the opportunity to learn and experience engineering first hand through exhibits and presentations developed by students and professionals in the industry. The expo takes place every other year and is held in April. For more details about engineering expovisit: <a href="http://engineeringexpo.wisc.edu/">http://engineeringexpo.wisc.edu/</a>	6th-12th (SCI) Students must complete an application process
Future Problem Solvers October - May	Future Problem Solvers allows teams of students to compete in the state Future Problem Solvers Competition where they work to develop 21st Century Skills to identify and solve problems in a future scene. For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.wisfps.org/">http://www.wisfps.org/</a>	Middle School/High School Open to all students

Continuum of Services-DPI

Creative Thinking

**Critical Thinking** 

Flexible Grouping

Independent Contracts/Study

**Inquiry Models** 

**Pre-Assessment** 

**Problem Based Learning** 

**Questioning Techniques** 

Bloom's Taxonomy

Verbs for working with Bloom's Taxonomy

Tomlinson's Differentiation Model

**Depth of Knowledge Chart** 



## Tiers 2 and 3 Services and Decision Rules

For some students, differentiation strategies used in the classroom are not sufficient to meet a student's learning needs. In those cases, students may require services that are more targeted or intensive such as cluster placement or subject or grade-level acceleration. A student profile may be created to collect data needed to make decisions about the appropriateness of Tier 2 and Tier 3 services (See Services for Advanced Learners RTI Flow Chart). Parents will be contacted for permission when additional assessment information is needed. When designated Tier 2 and all Tier 3 interventions are appropriate, a Differentiated Education Plan (DEP) may be developed to outline the intervention, goals, and short and long term ramifications of the intervention. These plans will be reviewed on at least an annual basis. The DEP will also outline how student progress will be monitored. Based on the changing needs of the student, the team will make recommendations to continue, end, or change services.

The resources included at the end of Section 4 include descriptions of many of the interventions in Tier 2 and Tier 3 provided by WI DPI as well as samples of letters, a student profile, and the DEP form.

Information provided by WI DPI on Tier 2 or 3 Interventions			
Cluster Grouping	Pull-Out/Pull-In		
Curriculum Compacting	Purchased Services		
Mentorships and Internships	Subject and Full-Grade Acceleration		
Youth Options			

#### SERVICES - GRADES K-2

At these grade levels students may be identified for services in the areas of General Intellectual and Specific Academics. In the areas of Creativity, Leadership, and Visual and Performing Arts data may be gathered; however no formal identification will occur. Students identified for services in grades K-2 will have the majority of their learning needs met in the regular classroom through differentiated curriculum and instruction. This may include modifications to the content, process, and/or product. Through the RtI process some students may require Targeted or Tier 2 educational experiences for advanced learners. Appropriate interventions will be implemented to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of these students.

#### **K-2 Services Continued**

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Cluster Group	Cluster grouping is defined as	Students consistently	Frequency – Daily
Placement K-2	placing several high achieving,	requiring Tier 2 or Tier 3	
	high ability, or gifted students in	services for advanced	
Tier 2	a regular classroom with other	learners in reading and/or	Duration – Year
	students and a teacher who has	math.	
	received training or has a desire		
Specific	to differentiate curriculum and		Progress Monitoring –
Academic or	instruction for these "targeted"		Complete checklist at 2
General	students (Gentry, 1996).		weeks, quarter, April
Intellectual	claderne (Germy, 1999).		
All academic	Re-evaluation of placement in		Resources
areas combined	cluster groups is done each		NAGC definition and
	spring.		<u>information</u>
	Sping.		Gentry Study - UConn

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Pull-Out	Students meet with the	Using multiple criteria such	Frequency – 2 or 3 days
Pull-In	Specialist for Advanced	as scoring two or more	a week
	Learners to develop skills and	grade levels above current	
Tier 2	concepts beyond differentiation	placement (F & P), or	Duration – 4-8 weeks,
	occurring in the classroom. This	95%ile or higher using	quarter, semester, or
	may include reading higher	research-based	year
Specific	leveled media, writing, problem	instruments such as STAR	Progress Monitoring –
Academic or	solving, independent	or GORT-5. For math	Complete checklist at 2
General	investigations, etc.	90%ile or higher on the	weeks, quarter,
Intellectual		TOMAGS.	semester as appropriate
	The need for pullout, pull-in		for the duration of the
	services is re-evaluated at least		intervention
Reading and	annually.		Resources – vary
Math			depending on student
			need

#### K-2 Services Continued

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Curriculum Compacting	The student's instruction entails reduced amounts of introductory activities, drill, and	Typically student has previously demonstrated high levels of achievement	Frequency – Daily during unit being compacted
Tier 2 Specific Academic	practice. Instructional experiences may also be based on relatively fewer instructional objectives compared to the	or mastery in the area of compaction as demonstrated by consistent classroom performance that	Duration – Dependent on unit of study Progress Monitoring –
or General Intellectual	general curriculum. The time gained may be used for more advanced content instruction or to participate in enrichment activities. Instructional goals	is significantly above level or standardized assessment in the 95%ile or above for the instrument, or 2 or more grade levels	Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention
Mathematics, Reading, Science, Social Studies	should be selected on the basis of careful analyses for their roles in the content and hierarchies of curricula. The parsing of activities and goals should be based on pre-instructional assessment (such as using a unit test as a pre-test, portfolio of work, etc.)	above. This may also occur when a student is considered to be already an "expert" on the topic and would benefit from more advanced work.	Resources – DPI Resource for Curriculum Compacting Compacting Form
	The need for curriculum compacting services is reevaluated at least annually.		

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Single Subject	Provide accelerated academic	Multiple measures in the	Frequency – Daily
Acceleration K-	programming by moving the	98%ile compared to a	
2	student one or more grade level	normal sample - on	
Tier 2	for specific subjects. The	TOMAGS given for	Duration – Year
	student remains at the regular	mathematics the student	
	grade level for most of their	should score in the 90%ile	
Specific	program.	or higher compared to the	Progress Monitoring –
Academic or		gifted sample, high quality	Complete checklist at 2
General		classroom work, student	weeks, quarter, semester
Intellectual	The continued need for	motivation is also a key	as appropriate for the
	acceleration services is re-	factor	duration of the
	evaluated at least annually.		intervention
Mathematics			Resources
English			Acceleration Guidelines
Language Arts			

#### K-2 Services Continued

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Grade Based Acceleration - Whole Grade Acceleration	Grade-based acceleration typically shortens the number of years a student spends in the K-12 system. In practice, a student is	Criteria are outlined in the lowa Acceleration Scale which will be used to guide the decision	Frequency – Daily
Tier 3  General Intellectual	placed on a full-time basis in a higher grade level than is typical given the student's age for the purpose of providing access to	making team made up of the persons closest to the student and may include Advanced	Duration – Year  Progress Monitoring – Complete checklist at 2
monocida	appropriately challenging learning opportunities. Grade-based acceleration is commonly known as "grade skipping," but it can include other means to shorten the	Learning Staff, school psychologist, current teacher, future teacher, parents and others needed to make the	weeks, quarter, semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention
All subject areas	number of years a student remains in the K-12 school system (Rogers, 2004; Southern & Jones, 204). Whole-grade acceleration may be done at the beginning of or during the school year.	decision.	Resources <u>Iowa Acceleration Scale</u> <u>Acceleration Guidelines</u>
	All acceleration placements are considered temporary. Follow procedures outline in the lowa Acceleration Scale prior to making the placement permanent.		

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Grade Based	Students enter kindergarten	Outlined in ECSD Board Policy	Frequency – Daily
Acceleration -	prior to achieving the minimum	<u>422</u>	
Early Entrance	age for school entry as set by		
to Kindergarten	the district or state policy.		
Tier 3	School psychologists		Duration – Year
General	coordinate this intervention.		Progress Monitoring –
Intellectual  All subject areas	All acceleration placements are considered temporary. Follow procedures outline in the lowa Acceleration Scale prior to making the placement permanent.		Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention Resources lowa Acceleration Scale Acceleration Guidelines

At these grade levels students may be identified for services in the areas of General Intellectual and Specific Academics. In the areas of Creativity, Leadership, and Visual and Performing Arts data will be gathered; however no formal identification will occur. Students identified for services in grades 3-5 will have the majority of their learning needs met in the regular classroom through differentiated curriculum and instruction. This may include modifications to the content, process, and/or product. Through the Rtl process some students may require Targeted or Tier 2 educational experiences for advanced learners. Appropriate interventions will be implemented to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of these students.

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Cluster Group Placement 3-5	Cluster grouping is defined as placing several high achieving, high ability, or gifted students in	Students consistently requiring Tier 2 or Tier 3 services for advanced	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	a regular classroom with other students and a teacher who has received training or has a desire to differentiate curriculum and	learners in reading and/or math.	Duration – Year
Specific Academic or General Intellectual	instruction for these "targeted" students (Gentry, 1996).  Re-evaluation of placement in cluster groups is done each spring.		Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention
All academic areas combined			Resources NAGC definition and information Gentry Study - UConn

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Pull-Out	Students meet with the	Students consistently scoring	Frequency – 2 days a
Math	Specialist for Advanced	in the 90%ile on	week for 30 minutes
Enrichment	Learners to develop skills and	standardized test scores,	
Class Grade 3	concepts beyond differentiation	teacher recommendation,	
Tier 2	occurring in the classroom. This may include problem solving, independent investigations, etc.	classroom performance in math that is at the A or B level, motivation	Duration – February - May
Specific Academic or General Intellectual Math	Re-evaluation of placement in pullout groups is done at least annually.		Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention

#### 3-5 Interventions Continued

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Pull-Out Reading Class Grade 3, 4, 5	Students meet with the Specialist for Advanced Learners to develop skills and	Students scoring in the 95%ile and above on multiple measures, two	Frequency – 2 days a week for 30 minutes
Tier 2 Specific	concepts beyond differentiation occurring in the classroom. This may include reading text and writing activities 2 or more years	years or more above on QRI, teacher recommendation, student motivation	Duration – All year  Progress Monitoring
Academic or General Intellectual Reading	above their grade level.  Re-evaluation of placement in pullout groups is done at least annually.		Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Curriculum Compacting	The student's instruction entails reduced amounts of introductory activities, drill, and	Typically student has previously demonstrated high levels of achievement	Frequency – Daily during unit being compacted
Specific Academic or General Intellectual	practice. Instructional experiences may also be based on relatively fewer instructional objectives compared to the general curriculum. The time gained may be used for more advanced content instruction or to participate in enrichment activities. Instructional goals	or mastery in the area of compaction as demonstrated by consistent classroom performance that is significantly above level or standardized assessment in the 95%ile or above for the instrument, or 2 or more grade levels above. This	Duration – Dependent on unit of study  Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention
Mathematics, Reading, Science, Social Studies	should be selected on the basis of careful analyses for their roles in the content and hierarchies of curricula. The parsing of activities and goals should be based on preinstructional assessment (such as using a unit test as a pretest, portfolio of work, etc.)  The need for curriculum compacting services is reevaluated at least annually.	may also occur when a student is considered to already be an "expert" on the topic and would benefit from more advanced work.	Resources – DPI Resource for Curriculum Compacting

#### 3-5 Interventions Continued

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Single Subject Acceleration	Provide accelerated academic programming by moving the student one or more grade levels for specific	Multiple measures in the 95%ile compared to a normal sample - on TOMAGS given for	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	subjects. The student remains at the regular grade level for most of their	mathematics the student should score in the 90%ile or higher compared to the	Duration – Year
Specific Academic or General Intellectual	programing. All acceleration placements are considered temporary. Progress is monitored as outlined in the DEP until placement becomes	gifted sample, A or B work, student motivation is also a key factor.	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention
Mathematics English Language Arts, Science	permanent.		Resources Acceleration Guidelines

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Subject Based Acceleration	Provide accelerated academic programming by combining 4th and 5th grade curriculum in one	Student consistently scores in the 90%ile or above on standardized tests. Teacher	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	year resulting in a single- subject acceleration. The student remains at the regular	recommendation. Math – 90%ile compared to the normal sample on the	Duration – Year
Specific Academic	grade level for most of their program.	TOMAGS.	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2
	All acceleration placements are considered temporary. Progress is monitored as outlined in the DEP until		weeks, quarter, and semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.
Mathematics	placement becomes permanent.		Resources <u>Iowa Acceleration Scale</u> Acceleration Guidelines

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Dual Enrollment Tier 3	A student is allowed to attend classes in more than one building level during the same school year. For example, a student may take a middle school class while still enrolled	Based on student course/class schedule to accommodate acceleration needs. This is typically the result of a single-subject acceleration. Consider	Frequency – Daily  Duration – Year
General Intellectual Specific Academic English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science	in the intermediate school.  All dual enrollment placements are considered temporary.  Progress is monitored as outlined in the DEP until placement becomes permanent.	student maturity and organizational skills needed to manage this type of placement.	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, and/or semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.

#### 3-5 Interventions Continued

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Grade Based Acceleration - Whole Grade Acceleration Tier 3	Grade-based acceleration typically shortens the number of years a student spends in the K- 12 system. In practice, a student is placed on a full-time basis in a higher grade level than is typical given the student's age, for the	Criteria are outlined in the lowa Acceleration Scale which will be used to guide the decision making team made up of the persons closest to the student and may include Advanced	Frequency – Daily  Duration – Year
General Intellectual  All subject areas	purpose of providing access to appropriately challenging learning opportunities. Gradebased acceleration is commonly known as "grade skipping," but it can include other means to shorten the number of years a student remains in the K-12 school system (Rogers, 2004; Southern & Jones, 204). Wholegrade acceleration may be done at the beginning of or during the school year.  All acceleration placements are considered temporary. Follow procedures outlined in the Iowa Acceleration Scale prior to making the placement permanent.	Learning Staff, school psychologist, current teacher, future teacher, parents and others needed to make the decision.	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, and semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.  Resources lowa Acceleration Scale Acceleration Guidelines

At these grade levels students may be identified for services in the areas of General Intellectual and Specific Academics, Creativity, Leadership, and Visual and Performing Arts. Students identified for services in grades 6-8 will have the majority of their learning needs met in the regular classroom through differentiated curriculum and instruction. This may include modifications to the content, process, and/or product. Through the Rtl process some students may require Targeted or Tier 2 educational experiences for advanced learners. Appropriate interventions will be implemented to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of these students. At this level, we begin to develop students as autonomous learners asking them to take more initiative and responsibility for their learning.

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Cluster Group Placement 6-8	Cluster grouping is defined as placing several high achieving, high ability, or	Students should meet several of the criteria listed. Criteria considered include: multiple data	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	gifted students in a regular classroom with other students and a teacher	points in the 95%ile or higher on STAR and or State Assessment. Explore scores for students	Duration – Year
Specific Academic or General Intellectual	who has received training or has a desire to differentiate curriculum and instruction for these "targeted" students (Gentry, 1996). At the middle school we currently cluster students in the English Language Arts	entering 6th grade RD & Eng. 16 or higher, ACT or PLAN scores 7th & 8th grade of 22 or higher on RD and Eng., teacher recommendation, demonstrated mastery of content and standards above the range of typical differentiation for the grade level.	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, and semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.
Reading Language Arts	Re-evaluation of placement in cluster groups is done each spring.		Resources NAGC definition and information Gentry Study - UConn

6-8 Services Continued

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Curriculum Compacting	The student's instruction entails reduced amounts of introductory activities,	Typically student has previously demonstrated high levels of achievement or mastery in the	Frequency – Daily during unit being compacted
Tier 2  Specific Academic or General Intellectual	drill, and practice. Instructional experiences may also be based on relatively fewer instructional objectives compared to the general curriculum. The time gained may be used for more advanced content	area of compaction as demonstrated by consistent classroom performance that is significantly above level or standardized assessment in the 95%ile or above for the instrument, or 2 or more grade levels above. This may also occur when a student is considered to already be	Duration – Dependent on unit of study  Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, and semester as appropriate for the duration of the
Mathematics, Reading, Science, Social Studies, Visual and Performing Arts	instruction or to participate in enrichment activities. Instructional goals should be selected on the basis of careful analyses for their roles in the content and hierarchies of curricula. The parsing of activities and goals should be based on pre-instructional assessment (such as using a unit test as a pretest, portfolio of work, etc.)	an "expert" on the topic and would benefit from more advanced work.	intervention.  Resources – DPI Resource for Curriculum Compacting
	The need for curriculum compacting services is reevaluated at least annually.		

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Independent, Inquiry Based, or Problem Based Learning Projects	Independent projects can be developed to extend learning on a topic in a class or for a student to pursue learning in a topic of interest. Time for	Students need strong motivation and organizational skills. Typically students score in the 90%ile above on standardized assessments in one or more areas. Students complete application contract form	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	Independent projects is dependent on the student and project, but may be	that outlines the skills and learning that a student intends to complete.	Duration – Year
Specific Academic or General Intellectual Reading Language Arts	completed in a class, study hall, or Resource time. Students may also work as a group to accomplish independent projects at this level.		Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, or semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.

#### 6-8 Services Continued

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Single Subject Acceleration Mathematics Grade 7	Provide accelerated academic programming by moving the student one or more grade level for	Student should meet several of the criteria outlined: STAR in the 90%ile or higher for multiple testing seasons, EXPLORE or	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	specific subjects. The student remains at the regular grade level for	ACT score of 19 or higher, Iowa Algebra Aptitude test with a stanine of 7 or higher, WKCE in the 90%ile or higher, teacher	Duration – Year
Specific Academic or General Intellectual	most of their program.  All acceleration placements are considered temporary. Progress is monitored as outlined in the DEP until	recommendation, A's in regular math, student motivation	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, and semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.
Mathematics	placement becomes permanent.		Resources Acceleration Guidelines

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Single Subject Acceleration Mathematics Grade 6	Provide accelerated academic programming by moving the student one or more grade level for specific	Student should meet several of the criteria outlined: STAR in the 90%ile or higher for multiple testing seasons,	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	subjects. The student remains at the regular grade level for most of their	EXPLORE or ACT score of 17 or higher, lowa Algebra Aptitude test with a stanine of	Duration – Year
Specific Academic or General Intellectual	All acceleration placements are considered temporary. Progress is monitored as outlined in the DEP until placement becomes	7 or higher, WKCE in the 90%ile or higher, teacher recommendation, A's in regular math, student motivation	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, and semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.
Mathematics	permanent.		Resources Acceleration Guidelines

#### 6-8 Services Continued

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Dual Enrollment-Gr 8	A student is allowed to attend classes in more than one building level during the same	Based on student course/class schedule to	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	school year. For example, a student may take a high school class while still in middle school.	accommodate acceleration needs. This is typically the	Duration – Year
General Intellectual	All dual enrollment placements are considered temporary. Progress is monitored as outlined in the DEP until placement becomes permanent.	result of acceleration. Consider student maturity and organizational skills needed to manage this type of	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, and semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.
Specific Academic			
English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science. Social Studies, Foreign Language	, passandin addenies permanoni.	placement.	

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Purchased Services –  Tier 2  General Intellectual  Specific Academic  English Language Arts,	Description Online courses, curricula, or competitions may be used to meet student learning needs when students have been accelerated and the district is unable to provide the appropriate services within a district building.	Criteria  Multiple indicators of high levels of achievement in addition to a NUMATS score in the 98th percentile or above in the specific content area of the course.  Self-Directed/Highly Motivated. Student shows mastery of critical learning targets allowing enough curriculum to be compacted for the student to "buy" time for the enrichment course.  Teacher recommendation and cooperation for the course.  Consideration should be made regarding the rigor of the remaining schedule such as cross-graded classes, etc.	Progress Monitoring Frequency – Daily  Duration: quarter – year depending on the course and vendor  Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, and semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.
Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language			

At these grade levels, students may be identified for services in the areas of General Intellectual, Specific Academics, Creativity, Leadership, and/or Visual and Performing Arts. Students also have access to many advanced course options in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Music, Art, Performing Arts, and Technical Education. In addition to advanced-level courses, students may take Advanced Placement courses and College Advanced Placement Program courses to try to earn college credit. Online courses are also an option for students at EHS. These virtual school courses allow students to take additional Advanced Placement or other courses that are not offered at EHS. The high school experience allows students to be involved in many extra-curricular and co-curricular activities that enhance their school experience. If a club or activity is not available, students are encouraged and supported to start a club or organization to meet their needs.

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Purchased Services – Online Courses	Online courses from JEDI Virtual School may be utilized to meet student learning needs when	At the high school level students may enroll in online course provided that they meet the criteria outlined in Board Policy	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	students have been accelerated and the district does not offer the	343.3 and administrative rule 343.31.	Duration: quarter – year depending on the course and vendor
General Intellectual Specific Academic	The need for purchased services is re-evaluated at least annually.		Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, or semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.
All Subject Areas			Resources JEDI Virtual School: http://www.jedivirtual.org/

#### 9-12 Services Continued

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Course Placement – out of sequence  Tier 2	At times, students may request placement in a course that is not open to students in a particular grade level based on the	Based on student course/class schedule to accommodate acceleration needs. This is typically the result of acceleration.	Frequency – Daily  Duration – Term, semester, or year
General Intellectual Specific Academic Visual and Performing Arts	EHS Course Guide. This may occur due to acceleration, scheduling issues caused by acceleration, or a course plan for a student with a strength in a particular	Consider student maturity and organizational skills needed to manage this type of placement.	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, or semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.
English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science Electives	area.		Resources EHS Course Guide

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Independent Study or mentorship for credit	Students who have an interest in a topic that they would like to further	Based on student course/class schedule to accommodate acceleration	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	develop may have an option to complete an independent study. Students can work with	needs. This is typically the result of acceleration. Consider student maturity and organizational skills	Duration – Term, Semester, or year
General Intellectual Specific Academic Visual and Performing Arts Creativity Leadership English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science. Social Studies, Electives	teachers, the guidance office, or the Specialist for Advanced Learners.	needed to manage this type of placement.	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, and semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Workshops	Workshops can extend the learning or offer a student an opportunity to explore an interest or possible career.	Students scoring in the top percentiles on assessments, demonstrated portfolio, etc.	Frequency – as needed
Tier 2	interest or possible career interest. These can be offered through a specific department or class activity.		Duration –
General Intellectual			Progress Monitoring
Specific Academic Visual and Performing Arts Creativity Leadership			Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, or semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.
English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science Electives			Resources

#### 9-12 Services Continued

Intervention	Description	Criteria	Progress Monitoring
Dual Enrollment Youth Options	Students with Junior or Senior standing may take courses at an area college or	Based on student course/class schedule to accommodate	Frequency – Daily
Tier 2	university once they have exhausted the course sequence in a particular area.	acceleration needs. This is typically the result of acceleration. Consider student maturity and	Duration – Year
General Intellectual Specific Academic Visual and Performing Arts Creativity Leadership	For example, a student may take second year calculus course at a college because it is not offered at the high school. Youth Options is governed by state law and District policy.	organizational skills needed to manage this type of placement.	Progress Monitoring Complete checklist at 2 weeks, quarter, or semester as appropriate for the duration of the intervention.
English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science Electives			Resources EHS Counseling Website

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