

Elementary Accelerated Learner Program

District 100

What is the Accelerated Learner Program?

- ALP is a district-wide elementary program for academically gifted 4th and 5th graders. Services are available to identified students in all 6 elementary buildings.
- ALP students participate in activities and projects that enrich and extend the learning that takes place within their homeroom classroom. This pull out instruction is delivered by a teacher with training in gifted learning for up to two hours a week.

*ALP students at Washington Academy, who qualified as 4th or 5th graders, are able to continue participating in ALP in 6th-8th grade due to the unavailability of honors language arts as part of the WA middle school program. Frequency is determined by the language arts curriculum.

How are students identified to participate in ALP?

- All 4th & 5th grade students participate in our district universal screeners of MAP and the PARCC Assessment.
- Students who score at or above the 85th percentile on MAP or who exceed on the PARCC are eligible to complete the OLSAT.
- The Otis Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) is designed to measure abstract thinking and reasoning ability as related to school learning. This test is used to identify students who may need additional services to support their learning.
- Students who are identified receive general program information to take home along with a permission form for participation.

What does participation look like for ALP students?

ALP students participate in a variety of learning activities:

- Thematic units
- Simulations and debates
- Projects
- Novel studies

ALP learning emphasizes collaboration, student reflection, problem solving, design work, and critical thinking opportunities. Activities are typically aligned to middle school level standards that are meant to challenge gifted elementary learners.

Student progress is communicated quarterly on the [ALP Participation Rubric](#) that is sent home with the regular report card. Parent/Teacher conferences can also be scheduled each year.

For more information, please contact...

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