Acceleration and Enrichment Programs (AEP)

Program Options for Advanced Learners

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AEP Mission Statement:
Allegany County Public Schools will recognize and nurture exemplary talents so that advanced learners are provided with an appropriately challenging education. This education will enable students to realize their fullest potential and to become contributing citizens in society.
Gifted and talented students possess unique potential and needs which can be addressed through regular curriculum modifications and specialized programs. The Annotated Code of Maryland 8-201 has defined gifted and talented students as those who are identified by professionally qualified individuals and have outstanding abilities in the areas of:

- General Intellectual Capabilities
- Specific Academic Aptitudes
- Creative, Visual, and Performing Arts

Services may be required outside the regular school program in order to maximize the potential of these students. Thus, a menu of program options is available for gifted, highly able, talented, and potentially talented students whose abilities and/or aptitudes demand experiences that are beyond those normally provided by school programs. These programs are designed to help students develop the potential and skills that are beyond those normally provided by regular classroom instruction. These programs include different areas of instruction that are beyond the regular classroom. The goal is to identify potential, expand the potential, and develop the potential into productive behaviors through the areas of giftedness.

Educational opportunities may occur in the regular classroom, a resource classroom, or in optional voluntary environments. Extra-curricular activities may be available to enhance and showcase the talents of advanced learners.

### Elementary School Programs and Options

- Academic Competitions
- School-Wide Enrichment Triad Model
- Gifted Learning Behavioral Checklist
- School and County Events
- Gifted and Talented Acceleration
- Independent Projects
- Unit Experiences
- Interdisciplinary Instruction (content areas of strength)
- Curriculum Guide Activities for AE

### Middle School Programs and Options

- Academic Competitions
- School-Wide Enrichment Triad Model
- Gifted Learning Behavioral Checklist
- School and County Events
- Gifted and Talented Acceleration
- Independent Projects
- Unit Experiences
- Interdisciplinary Instruction (content areas of strength)
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### High School Programs and Options

- Academic Competitions
- School-Wide Enrichment Triad Model
- Gifted Learning Behavioral Checklist
- School and County Events
- Gifted and Talented Acceleration
- Independent Projects
- Unit Experiences
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### Outcomes of Programs

- Become a wise resource user
- Become a creative producer
- Become an integrated learner
- Become a change agent
- Become a self-evaluator
- Become a creative producer
- Become an active participant
- Become an effective and productive learner
- Become an integrated learner
- Become a problem-solver
- Become a data collector
- Become an appropriate technology user
- Become an effective and productive learner
- Become a resource user
- Become a wise resource user
- Become an effective and productive learner
- Become an integrated learner