

Growing Your Gifted Child in Elementary School

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Gifted/Advanced
Students and How
Does AACPS Identify
Them?





Maryland's Definition of Giftedness



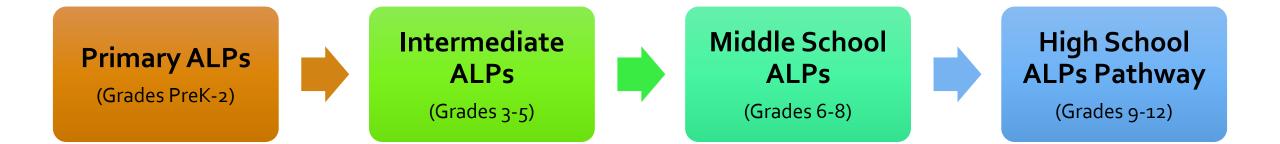
Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.04.07 Gifted and Talented Education



- Include appropriately differentiated curriculum.
- Utilize evidence-based academic programs and services
- Accelerate, extend, and/or enrich instructional content, strategies, and products to demonstrate and apply learning.



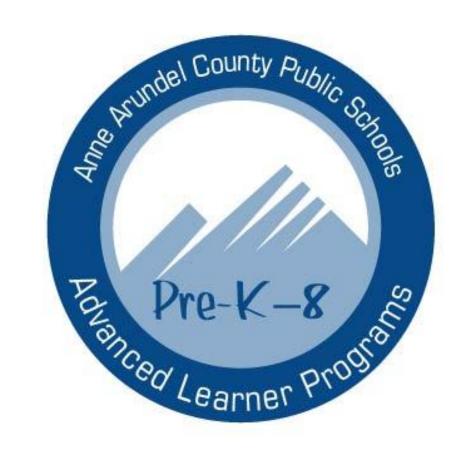
AACPS Gifted and Talented Universal Screening



GT Identification Screening in 2nd Grade

GT Identification Screening in 5th Grade GT
Identification
Screening in 7th
Grade

AACPS Gifted and Talented Screening Process



Measure of Ability

Measure of Achievement

Measure of Potential

Measure of Ability



Verbal Reasoning



Quantitative Reasoning

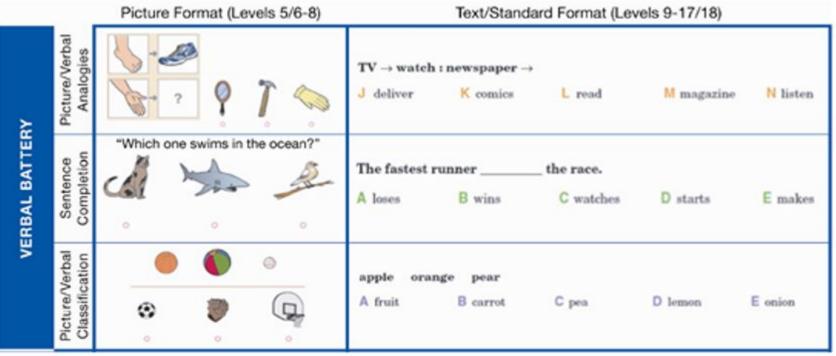


Nonverbal Reasoning



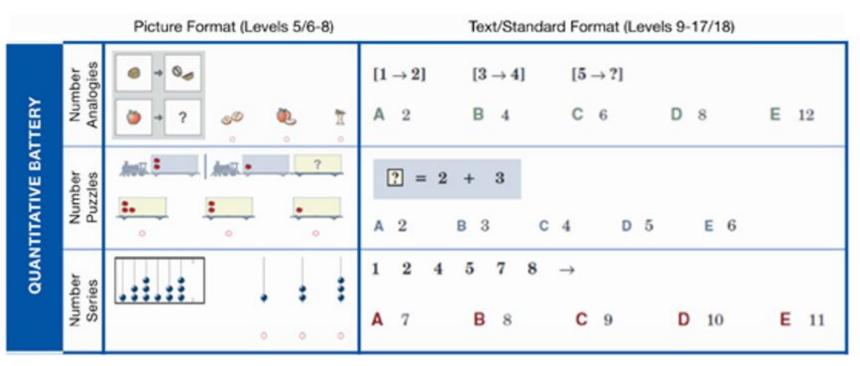
Measure of Ability: Verbal Reasoning





Measure of Ability: Quantitative Reasoning

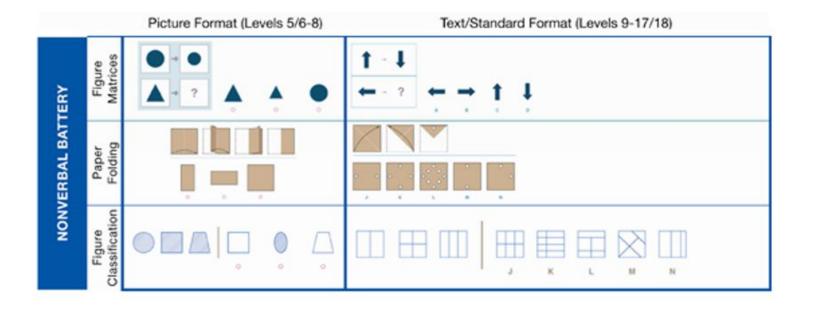




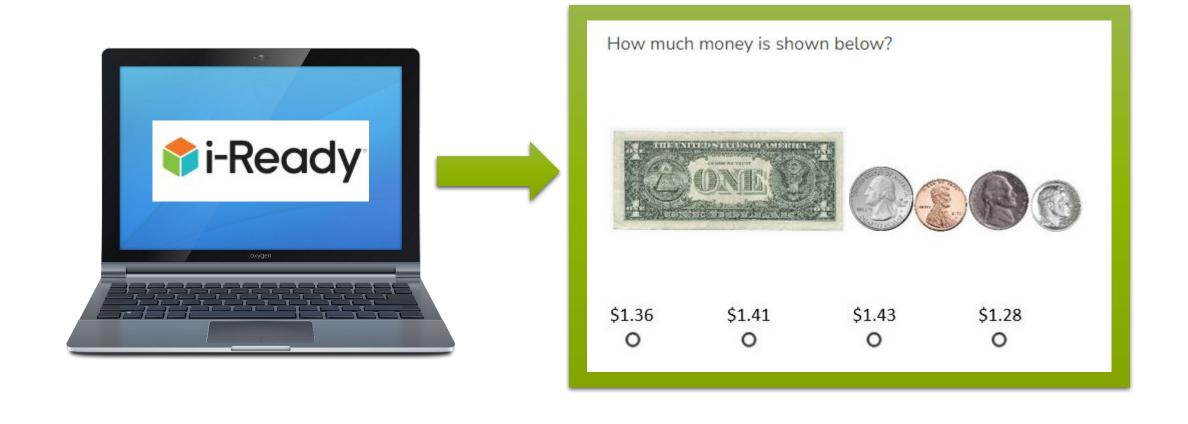
Measure of Ability: Nonverbal Reasoning



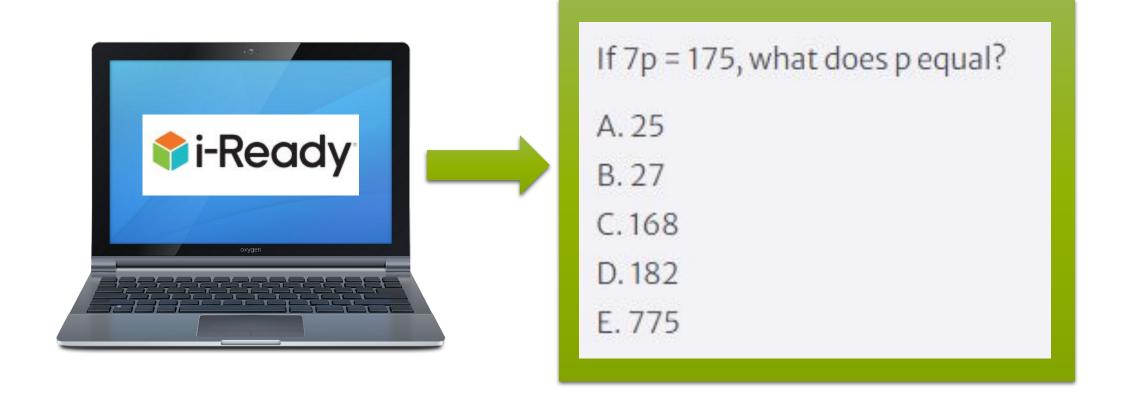




Measure of Achievement



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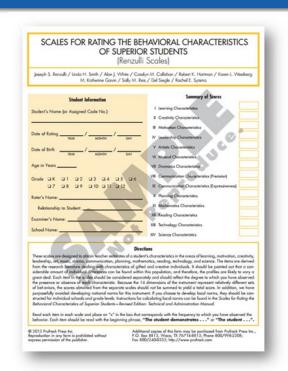


Measures of Potential

MSDE Primary Talent Development Portfolio (Grade 2)



Renzulli Rating Scales for Superior Students (Grade 5 and 7)



Continuum of Advanced Learning

Above Grade Level Texts and Extension Opportunities

AACPS ALPs Curriculum

Above Grade Level Student Top 25-35% Advanced Student *Top 25%*

Gifted Student *Top 10%*



Gifted vs Advanced Students

Advanced	Gifted
Knows the answers	Asks the questions
Has good ideas	Has wild, silly ideas
Answers the questions	Discusses in detail, elaborates
In the top group	Goes beyond the group
Listens with interest	Shows strong feelings and opinions
Absorbs information	Manipulates information
Requires 6 – 8 repetitions	Requires 1 – 2 repetitions
Understands ideas	Constructs abstractions
Grasps meaning	Draws inferences
Straightforward/sequential	Thrives on complexity
Is pleased with own learning	Is highly self-critical

Greater degree of complexity, intensity, and abstractness.

Winebrenner & Brulles (2008)



The ALPs Program in Grades K-5



Advanced Differentiation Model for Elementary School Students *Primary ALPs (Grades PreK-2)*



Grade Acceleration

Grade/Content Acceleration

Students Whose Needs Can Not Be Met Within Their Current Age-Based Grade

Advanced

Stepping Stones and Primary Math Centers

Students Demonstrating Mastery of the Core Curriculum

Enrichment

Above Grade Level Texts (Reading Only)

Students Reading Above Grade Level

Core

DI 2 Extensions in Explicit Comprehension/Extensions in Reveal Math

Students Demonstrating Readiness for Additional Rigor

Core

Anne Arundel County Public Schools Core Curriculum

All Students

Advanced Differentiation Model for Elementary School Students Intermediate ALPs (Grades 3-5)



Grade Acceleration

Grade/Content Acceleration

Students Whose Needs Can Not Be Met Within Their Current Age-Based Grade

Advanced

ALPs Single-Subject Reading and Math

Students Identified as GT or Advanced

Enrichment

Advanced Novels (Reading Only)

Students Reading Above Grade Level

Core

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The Challenge of Raising a Gifted Child



No Gifted Child is Exactly Alike!















Asynchronous Development



"Gifted children vary in their abilities and often their patterns of growth differ from their age peers."

--National Association of Gifted Children

Supporting Your Child



- Focus on their strengths
- Help your child understand giftedness and set realistic expectations
- Help them learn to manage stress
- Show them how to self advocate
- Form multiple peer groups (cognitive and age peers)
- Read books about characters that are gifted
- Communicate with educators





What is Executive Functioning?

Planning and Prioritizing

Organization

Impulse Control

Getting Started with Tasks

Self-Monitoring



Working Memory

Flexible Thinking

Self-Monitoring

Emotional Control

Does this sound familiar?



- Can't follow multi-step directions?
- Forgetting to turn in homework?
- Issues self-advocating?
- Emotional outbursts?
- Procrastination?
- Unorganized desk or room?

Building Executive Functioning Skills at Home



- Foundations
- Routines
- Metacognition
- Systems
- Ownership
- Listen
- Hacks
- Organizing papers
- Visuals
- Labels

- Alternative note taking
- Archive
- Study groups
- Chunk
- Plan
- Micro-successes
- Timers
- Mindfulness



What is Perfectionism?



Healthy vs Unhealthy Perfectionism

Healthy Perfectionism

- Doing the best you can with the time and tools you have--and then moving on
- •Setting high personal standards with a gentle acceptance of self
- Managing behaviors to not interfere with daily life



Unhealthy perfectionism

- •Emphasizing and/or rewarding performance over other aspects of life
- Perceiving that one's work is never good enough.
- Feeling continually dissatisfied about one's work--which can lead to depression, anxiety, and other physical symptoms
- Feeling guilty if not engaged in meaningful work at all times
- Having a compulsive drive to achieve, where personal value is based accomplishments.

Helping Children Cope with Perfectionism

- Watch for signs on unhealthy perfectionism
- Show them it is ok to make mistakes
- Have age-appropriate conversations about mistakes and failures
- Emphasize the process, not the outcome
- Laugh!
- Reward effort over outcome
- Encourage positive self talk









Questions?

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