



MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
THE ACCELERATED
PROGRAM

Program Details

- Offered K-6
- Same curriculum and standards for ELA, Social Studies and Science, at a deeper and faster pace
- Math taught one grade level ahead
- ELA, Social Studies, and Science - Integration of content areas, project based learning, fast paced sequence of curriculum
- Faster pace allows for project-based learning opportunities
- Materials and technology specifically used to enrich and support students' learning



- Challenging and supportive learning environment for students with strong motivation and academic abilities
- Skills to help transition to honors level courses in junior high and high school
- Placement based on parent and student request and teacher recommendation
- Review of appropriate placement occurs as needed throughout the year



Characteristics of an Accelerated Student

- Enjoys and interested in school
- Intrinsically motivated
- Works hard, actively participates
- Listens with interest, learns with ease
- Grasps meaning of concepts and conversations
- Independently completes assignments

The ideal student for accelerated instruction is a self-motivated student who is eager to learn!



Characteristics of a Gifted Student

- Strong sense of curiosity
- Thinks beyond the obvious
- Ability to comprehend and grasp concepts several years above same age peers
- Can see relationships between information and concepts easier than same age peers
- Enthusiastic about unique interests and topics
- Resists conventional approaches

“Giftedness is a brain based difference in which gifted students experience a different intellectual, academic and social-emotional trajectory than their same age peers.”



Differences between Gifted and High Achieving Learners

High Achieving

- Remembers the answers
- Is attentive
- Generates advanced ideas
- Performs at the top of the group
- Learns with ease
- Enjoys the company of age peers
- Completes assignments on time
- Enjoys school often
- Gets As

Gifted

- Poses unforeseen questions
- Is selectively mentally engaged
- Generates complex and abstract ideas
- Is beyond the group
- Already knows
- Enjoys the company of intellectual peers
- Often initiates projects or extension of assignments
- Enjoys self directed learning over school
- May not be motivated by grades



Expectations for Students in Accelerated Classrooms

- Students are self motivated and committed to putting forth their best effort.
- Students will learn math concepts one grade level ahead.
- In ELA, Social Studies, and Science, there will be additional project based learning opportunities for their academic work.
- Students will study, discuss, research and be held accountable for learning accelerated concepts.
- There is an increased expectation in quality and composition of the coursework.
- There will be daily learning extensions that may require at home support.



Expectations for Parents

- Support my son/daughter taking on the rigor and challenge of being in an Accelerated classroom.
- Understand and recognize that part of participating in an Accelerated program is that my child may need support if he/she experiences frustration when building new skills, learning new concepts.
- Understand the expectations for my child and will help him/her foster the perseverance and grit needed to overcome challenges.
- Understand the importance of attendance and getting my child to school on time.



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- Understand if my child is struggling, the school will work with me to support my child.
- In the event my child continues to struggle, my principal and teacher in consultation with me, will look at a possible placement into a Conventional classroom.





[Link for more information](#)



Next Steps

1. Discuss your interest in the Accelerated Program with your child's teacher
2. Complete the [Parent/Student Interest Form](#)
3. Review and discuss with your child expectations for being in the Accelerated Program
4. Sign the [Parent Agreement and Acknowledgement Form](#)
5. Turn the form in to the office



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