



Monroe Township Public Schools Elementary Talented and Gifted (T.A.G.) Program

All students in our schools deserve a challenging instructional program. Classroom teachers differentiate, or vary, their instruction to meet the needs of students with a wide range of abilities. Because of this differentiation, the academic program in regular classrooms will meet the needs of the majority of students.

To meet the needs of the Kindergarten and First Grade students, the T.A.G. teachers will provide materials to further enrich the advanced students in the classroom. T.A.G. teachers will confer periodically throughout the year with the classroom teachers for further assistance.

The T.A.G. pullout program in grades 2, 3 and 4 is another part of this overall differentiation strategy. The purpose of the pullout program is to provide additional challenges for those **few students** whose performance and ability clearly exceed the level of other "A" students at that grade level.

The Grade Two Program, which will begin with the second marking period, is a weekly pullout class focusing on Language Arts Skills. In Grades Three and Four, there are two separate enrichment groups. The first is the Differentiated Integrated

Curriculum (BIG Ideas Group), which is a theme based program incorporating all major subject areas. The BIG Ideas group will meet twice a week. A separate group focusing solely on Math will meet weekly. Students are responsible for missed classroom work as well as their T.A.G. assignments.

Teacher recommendations, standardized tests scores such as MAP and ASK, report card grades and parental input are all considered when determining which students require further academic challenges.

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