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Please jot down any questions you may have during the presentation. You may write them on the note cards provided or use the QR code to record questions on a Google form.

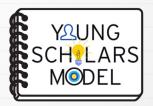
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- please include your name
- your child's name (if applicable)
- your contact information

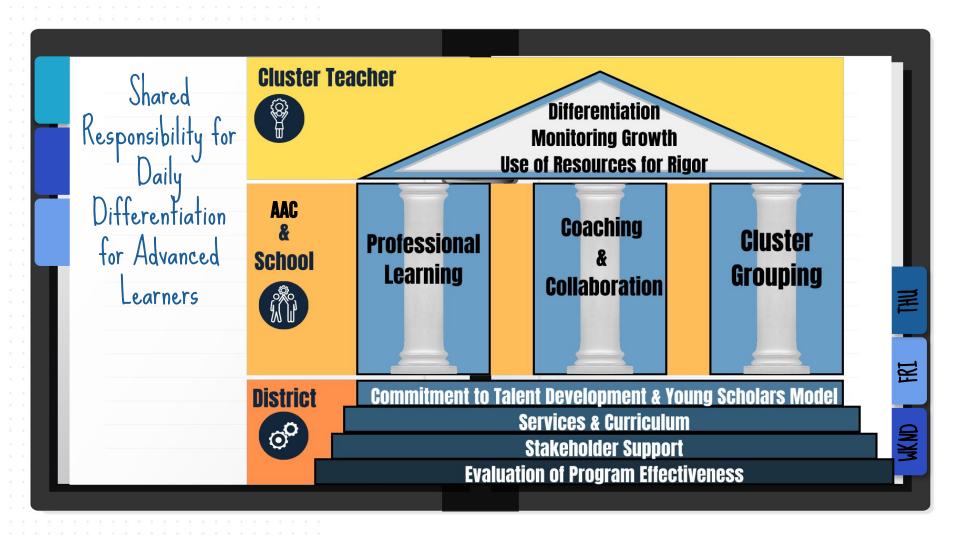
Objectives:













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Four Key Questions Focus
Us on Learning-

- What is it we expect our students to learn?
- 2 How will we know when they have learned it?
- 3 How will we provide time and support when they don't learn it?
 - How will we extend learning when they already know it or learn it quickly?

COLLABORATIVE TEACHING



- Whole group team modeling for and/or teaching with classroom teacher
- Supporting small groups in classroom, coordinated and co-planned with classroom teacher
- Flexible grouping, which may be determined by
 - Needs of students and/or the classroom teacher
 - Difficulty of unit/topic

Collaborative Teaching may involve:

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COACHING



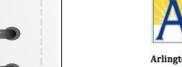


Modeling
Coaching
CLT Meetings and Planning
1:1 Coaching Opportunities
Building Capacity
Professional Development
Opportunities











Arlington Public Schools

K-12 Critical and Creative Thinking Models & Strategies

Critical Thinking Teaching Models

- Concept Development Model (Change, Patterns, Systems, Perspective, Cause/Effect)
- · Future Problem Solving
- · Jacob's Ladder
- · Paul's Reasoning Model
- Problem-Based Learning
- · Project-Based Learning
- Research Model
- Socratic Seminar
- William and Mary Teaching Models (Vocabulary & Literature Web, Persuasive Writing, Analyzing a Historical Situation)

Creative Thinking Models

- Creative Problem Solving (CPS)
- SCAMPER

Categories of Thinking Strategies

Decisions and Outcomes

- · Habits of Mind
- PMI
- Visualization

Making Connections

- Analogies
- Encapsulation
- · FFOE (Fluency, Flexibility, Originality, Elaboration)
- Mind-Mapping
- Synectics

Point of View (Different Perspectives)

- Debates
- deBono's Hats
- RAFT
- Socratic Seminar/Junior Great Books
- Structured Academic Controversy

Questioning

- · Question Formulation Technique (QFT)
- Levels of Questioning
- · Revised Bloom's Taxonomy

Math

Hands-On Equations
Project M² and Project M³
Project A³: Awesome, Advanced

William and Mary Math Units

Activities

Social Studies

William and Mary Social Studies Units The DBQ Project Primary Source Documents (Library of Congress)

English Language Arts

William and Mary Literature Units
Jacob's Ladder Resources
Caesar's English Resources
Schoolwide Enrichment
Model-Reading (SEM-R) Framework
Vanderbilt Interdisciplinary Units

Science

William and Mary Problem-Based Science Units Project Clarion Science Units Vanderbilt Interdisciplinary Units E

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- Collaboratively plan and model Critical and Creative Thinking (CCT) strategies and Resources for Rigor with teachers
- Build capacity for teachers to replicate similar strategies and resources in the future
- Working with teachers to find and nurture historically underrepresented populations within gifted education (Young Scholars)

COMMUNICATION

- Differentiation Record
 Form report to parents
 for identified students in grades K-5 (twice this year)
- Family information sessions (at least two: Fall and Spring) & Conferences



- Ongoing collaboration between
 AAC-classroom-home
- ASFS AATD Webpage

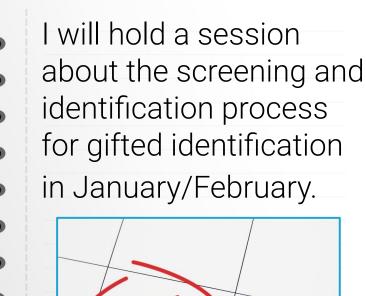






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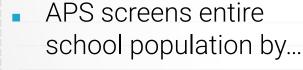






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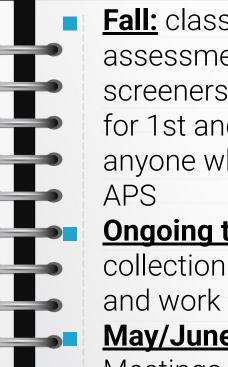




- Universal Screeners
- Academic Performance
- Student Conferences
- Growth Portfolios
- Products / Process
- Referrals can be made by teachers, parents, community leaders, and students by <u>APRIL 1st.</u>

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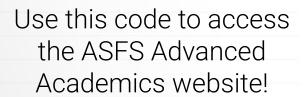
to families

Fall: classroom assessments, universal screeners/ability testing for 1st and 2nd, and anyone who is new to APS

Ongoing through April:
collection of student data
and work samples
May/June: Identification
Meetings and decisions

Advanced Academics & Talent Development at Science Focus











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ASFS Advanced
Academics website to
access more information
and video.

https://asfs.apsva.us/advanced

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To hear specific information about:

- Info from the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC)
- APS Local Plan for the Gifted
- More about the AAC role in the school

Getting Connected: APS Advanced Academics







APS Gifted
 Services Website
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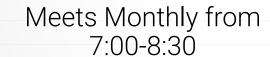
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Parent Advisory Committee for Advanced Academics



Arlington Public School's
Parent Advocacy Group
Part of Advisory Council on
Teaching and Learning



If you are interested in serving on this committee and/or attending a meeting, please contact the chairs-John Schaus & Mary Wierzbicki



PARENT RESOURCES

Virginia Association for the Gifted (VAG)http://www.vagifted.org



 National Association for the Gifted (NAGC) http://nagc.org



 Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG)

http://sengifted.org



QUESTIONS MIGHT YOU HAVE?



