



TALENTED & GIFTED PROGRAM

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The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District's Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program offers services beyond the classroom to students who have been identified as gifted based upon their academic and cognitive scores. Research shows that grouping gifted students together is an effective and efficient way for them to achieve academic, social, and emotional gains.

MISSION

By providing a comprehensive continuum of learning - beginning with identification in grade 2 and culminating in graduation - MSBSD will encourage and provide gifted students with opportunities to demonstrate their aptitude in the areas of academics, creativity and leadership.

OPPORTUNITY

There is a TAG Advocate at traditional elementary schools who works with identified TAG students to ensure that appropriate personalized learning opportunities are available to them.

TAG students have the opportunity to participate in enrichment clubs, which could include:

- Science Olympiad
- Math Olympiad
- Chess Club
- Summer Camp

IDENTIFICATION

Students in elementary school are screened for achievement through Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) scores. If MAP scores are in the 91st percentile rank or higher in one administration, students can be forwarded for cognitive testing using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). If the student then scores in the 89th percentile rank or higher on that test, they gain entrance into the TAG program.

