

Services for High Ability Learners

Grades 5-6

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The goal of the High Ability Learner program is to offer a differentiated, academically rigorous curriculum by providing curricular and instructional adaptations that address the unique needs of high ability learners. At Alice Buffett Magnet Middle School, the program is organized to address these needs through a combination of the following methods:

Differentiation

Buffett Magnet Middle School's High Ability Learner program works to provide academically challenging opportunities for our high ability learners every day in the classroom. Since students spend most of their time in the classroom, we look at strategies and methods to adapt and modify the "regular" curriculum to match the abilities, needs, and interests of our students. The process, product or content of the regular curriculum is adapted. This is achieved through differentiated instruction using performance based grouping, tiered lessons/activities, mentoring, curriculum compacting, acceleration, and independent projects. Teachers also use a variety of questioning strategies to engage students in higher level thinking through the use of Literature Circles, Junior Great Books and Socratic Circles. The emphasis is always on high achievement for every student.

Advanced Classes

- Advanced Math 5
- Pre Algebra 6

Contests/Competitions

High ability students at Buffett Magnet Middle School have many opportunities to participate in contests/competitions and events. In some cases, the criteria for the contest or event will determine the final selection of participants. The following is a list of some of the contests/competitions that we will be participating in:

- Spelling Bee
- Read to Succeed
- Math Contests
- Writing Contests
- Destination Imagination
- National History Day
- Speech Contests
- Knowledge Master
- Geography Bee

Enrichment Activities and Clubs

Buffett Magnet Middle School's High Ability program also sponsors various all-school enrichment activities that are offered to anyone who wishes to participate. All High Ability activities are curriculum-related, offer opportunities that go beyond the regular classroom, promote creativity, and build on problem solving and divergent thinking skills. Listed below are some of the opportunities available to students:

- Drama Club
- Art Club
- Buffett Spirit Singers
- Student Ambassador Club
- Speech/Debate Club
- Buffett In The Grove
- Build It!
- Student Council
- Bobcat Book Club
- North Mates
- Young Film Makers' Club
- Bobcat Buddy Program
- Chess Club

And more!

ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

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