



High Ability Learner Program

Providing challenging educational experiences that
encourage students to learn.

Please sign in.

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MPS HAL Philosophy Statement

The HAL Philosophy is that in the continuing pursuit of educational excellence, the Millard Public Schools will recognize and develop the unique talents and diverse qualities of students with high academic, intellectual, creative, and/or artistic ability so that each child will be challenged to achieve his or her full potential. This will be accomplished through a partnership of students, home, school and community, clearly defined criteria for identification and curriculum development and measurable standards of student performance, and broad-based and diverse educational opportunities.



MPS HAL Goal

The goal of the HAL program is to provide appropriately challenging educational experiences that will encourage students to learn, to challenge themselves, and to contribute positively to society. The program is designed for the development of a healthy self-concept, an understanding of human diversity, and the life skills necessary for personal success and responsible living.



Millard HAL Programs

- K-2 Kaleidoscope
 - Identified with Kingore Observation Inventory
 - Completed by fall and/or winter conference
- 3-5 Compass
 - Identified with CogAT (starting at end of Grade 2)
 - Completed in spring for following school year



Identification Procedures

K-2 Kaleidoscope Program

- Kingore Observation Inventory
 - Observation by classroom teachers first quarter
 - Look for advanced behaviors in...
 - advanced language
 - analytical thinking
 - meaning motivation
 - perspective
 - sense of humor
 - sensitivity
 - accelerated learning



K-2 Kaleidoscope Program cont.

- Kaleidoscope Curriculum:
 - Math
 - Reading
 - Visual-Spatial
- Students in Kaleidoscope will be given the CogAt test in spring of 2nd grade to qualify for 3-5 Compass Program.
- Grade 2 MAP scores are also analyzed for CogAT testing.



Identification Procedures

Grades 2-8

Grades 2, 3, 4, 5 take Cognitive Abilities Test in spring

- 2nd grade candidates from Kaleidoscope Program

--and/or--

- 2nd– 5th grade candidates must have three data points for testing:

- MAP scores at/above 90th%ile
- NSCAS scores at/above 90th%ile
- SIGS Home or School rating form above 110
- documentation of inclusion from another district

Students scoring 127 and above on the CogAT qualify for HAL.



District Level Services

- Mathematics

- K-2 patterns, numeration, logic, data
- 3-5 match up with each unit in *Math Expressions*

- Language Arts

- More advanced books matched up with each theme of *Reading Street*

- Visual Spatial

- Quarterly units developed for each grade. Some buildings bring in guest teachers or special projects, too.

- Music

- See next slide.



District HAL Music

- Choir 4th, 5th grade
- Orff Orchestra (music and movement) 5th grade

Students are selected by each building and all Millard schools meet together to practice. Generally 50-75 students are in the district choir, 25-30 in the Orff orchestra.



What is HAL Visual-Spatial?



Information for Visual-Spatial Learners

Hoagies Gifted

<http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/visual-spatial.htm>

Raising Topsy-Turvy Kids by Alexandra Shires Golon

Upside-Down Brilliance by Linda Silverman



Building Level Services

- Word Masters
- Fermi Math League
- Robotics Club
- Math competitions
- MAVS Competition
- Stock Market Club
- Science Fair
- 4H or UNL Extensions
- Skype an Author
- Quiz Bowl
- Destination Imagination
- Drama Club
- Book Club
- Genius Hour
- Special Trips
- ALEKS



Differentiation

- Training
- Team/PLC planning
- Pretesting and/or Formative Assessment
- Compacting units
- Enrichment



Survey Results

We continually seek to improve!



Middle School HAL Programming

District Level

- Architecture
- Battle of the Books
- Celebrate Creativity
- CyberSurgery
- Engineering
- Extreme Math Day
- Forensics CSI
- Genetics
- Finance
- Mock Trial
- Wildlife Conservation
- Writing Workshop
- Zoo Studies

PREVIEW

Building Level

- Dissections
- Spelling Bee
- Geography Bee
- Quiz Bowl
- Math Counts
- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- Science Club
- Language Clubs
- Gaming Club
- Writing Club

Classroom Level

- Leveled Math Classes
- Grammar Extensions
- Literature Extensions
- Reading Extensions
- Science Extensions
- Social Studies Extensions
- Writing Extensions
- *Honors English 8*
- *HAL Challenge 6, 7, 8*



More information...

Millard home page

- <http://www.mpsomaha.org/> > Departments > Curriculum > High Ability Learners

YOUR SCHOOL'S home page



National Association for Gifted Children

- www.nagc.org

Nebraska Association for Gifted

- www.negifted.org or Facebook, Twitter

Hoagies Gifted Education

- <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/>

YOUR NAME, NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS

