

# Millard Public Schools 6-8 High Ability Learner (HAL) Program

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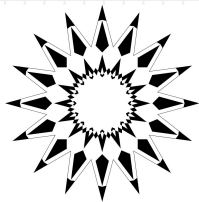
# MPS HAL Program Goal

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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.



# MPS HAL Programs



MPS K-2 HAL Kaleidoscope

Identified with the  
Kingore Observation  
Inventory (KOI)



MPS 3-8 HAL Compass

Identified with Cognitive  
Abilities Test (CogAT) as  
early as the spring of 2nd  
grade - completed in the  
spring for services starting  
the following fall



# Identification Procedures

## 3-8 HAL Compass Program



**MPS 3-8 HAL Compass Curriculum:**  
Mathematics, Reading, &/or Visual-Spatial

- Students who qualify for testing in grades 2-8 are given the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) in the spring
  - 2nd-8th grade students must have 3 data points for testing:
    - MAP and/or NSCAS scores at/above 90th%tile
    - SIGS Home or School rating form above 110
    - A score of +10 on the Visual-Spatial Learner Check Sheet
    - 95%tile on the California Achievement Test, Iowa Test of Basic Skills, or comparable test
    - Documentation of inclusion from another district



*\*Students scoring 127 and above  
on the CogAT qualify for the  
MPS 3-8 HAL Compass Program*

# What is HAL Visual-Spatial?



- Hoagies Gifted <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/visual-spatial.htm>
- *Upside- Down Brilliance: The Visual-Spatial Learner* by Linda Silverman, 2002
- *Raising Topsy-Turvy Kids* by Alexandra Shires Golon, 2004
- *Visual-Spatial Learners* by Alexandra Shires Golon, 2008



# District Services



## Mathematics:

- Leveled Math Classes
- District HAL Seminars

## Reading:

- **\*UPDATED\*** HAL Reading Extension Lessons in ELA 6 & 7 developed by semester  
*\*Parent/guardian communication prior to lessons*  
*\*HAL Reading comments on report cards*
- Honors English 8
- District HAL Seminars

## Visual-Spatial:

- Instructional Differentiation
- District HAL Seminars

## District HAL Seminars

- Every 6-8th grade HAL student is invited to **two** district seminars per year
- Invitations are based on HAL verified area(s) and student interest surveys
- More info on the next slide...

## In addition:

- HAL Science Extensions- Update for 2021-22
- HAL Social Studies Extensions
- HAL Challenge 6, 7, 8



# Middle School HAL Overview



## District Level HAL Seminars

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

## 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
- HAL Reading Extensions
- HAL Science Extensions
- HAL Social Studies Extensions
- Honors English 8
- HAL Challenge 6, 7, 8





# Differentiation



- District developed HAL curriculum incorporating Depth & Complexity Questioning & Habits of Mind Questioning
- Training
- Team/PLC planning
- Pretesting and/or Formative Assessment
- Compacting units
- Enrichment opportunities



# High School HAL Preview

## 9-12 Honors & Advanced Placement Courses

- Honors English Classes
- Honors Math Classes
- Honors World Language Classes
- AP Macro, AP Micro
- AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Language, AP Literature
- AP Stats, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, Calculus II, and Calculus III Differential Equations
- AP Environmental Science, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, and AP Physics I and II
- AP US History, AP European History, AP Psychology, AP Human Geography, AP US Government & Economics, AP Comparative Government and Politics, and AP World History
- AP German, AP French, AP Spanish, and AP Latin
- AP Music Theory



# High School HAL Preview

## Special Programs

- International Baccalaureate Programme @ MNHS
- Early College @ MSHS
- Academies - (Business and Entrepreneurship, Business and Logistics Management, Education, Health Sciences)
- Air Force JROTC @ MSHS
- Information Technology Mini Magnet @ MSHS
- UNMC High School Alliance
- Zoo Academy



# High School HAL Preview

## Building Level

- National Honor Society
- Art Club
- Chamber Orchestra
- Classics Club
- Language Clubs
- Key Club
- Science Club
- Technology Club
- Literary Club
- Music Club
- Math Club- Competitions
- Health Occupations of America
- Debate/Forensics (classes/clubs)
- Drama (classes/clubs)
- Student Council



# District HAL Surveys

Parent Surveys

Staff Surveys

Administrator Surveys

**We continually seek to improve!**



- Your School's website



# Further Questions ?

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