



Gifted Services - K-8



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Collaborative Cluster Model:

- In the general education classroom setting students who are identified as gifted are grouped in **clusters** in their identified area (minimum of 5 – 8) for daily differentiation
- Cluster teachers are responsible for planning and delivering comprehensive services for gifted learners and have ongoing coaching and support from the resource teacher for the gifted (RTG) Ms.Franz



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- **Curricular resources** written for gifted learners offer a variety of ways to extend standards for gifted learners and for any student who is ready for additional depth and complexity
- Ms. Franz, (RTG) also supports and coaches all teachers as they increase rigor and infuse critical and creative thinking for all learners through the **APS Critical and Creative Thinking Framework**
- Works with teachers to develop digital portfolios to **show growth over time** and beyond standards, highlight talent development and support ongoing communication of progress to parents



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- **Collaborate with special education** case carriers and teachers to provide planning and support for twice exceptional (2e) learners
- **Collaborate with English Language Learner** teachers to support students who are advanced/gifted and need extension activities
- Ms. Franz (RTG) manages the **screening, referral and identification** process



Gifted Services - Communication

Overall messaging about Gifted Services in Arlington Public Schools

Parent Resources on www.apsva.us/giftedservices/

- [Resources to Support Varying Needs of Your Child](#)
- [Podcasts, Webinars, Recordings](#)
- [Online Learning - Supporting Gifted Learners at Home](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Get Involved - Join GSAC \(for parents\)](#)



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Overall Messaging about Gifted Services in APS

- [Overview of Gifted Services video](#) - Parent Academy site
- [Bi-weekly messages to families](#)
 - [August 24](#)
 - [September 9](#)



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School Messaging about Gifted Services in APS



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