

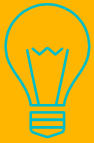


Swanson
Middle School
Gifted Services
Overview

Hello & Welcome to Back to School Night!

I am Whitney Field.

- Educator in APS for 9 years
 - WMS from 2014-2019 & DHMS from 2019-2021
 - 6th Grade English Teacher & Team Leader
 - Second year at SMS & as the Resource Teacher for the Gifted
- Undergraduate degree from James Madison University
- Graduate degree from Marymount University
- Currently enrolled in Graduate Courses for Gifted Education at the University of Virginia





Gifted Services at APS


- Students are grouped in clusters of 10 or more with other identified peers and teachers provide differentiation for gifted learners within the classroom setting.
- 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)



Gifted Services at APS

My job, as the RTG is to:

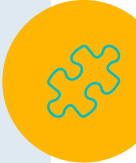

- support and coach classroom teachers as they increase rigor and infuse critical and creative thinking for all learners.
- collaborate with grade-level teams to plan and/or implement advanced content/differentiated instruction.
- collaborate with special education case carriers and teachers to provide 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



As the RTG, I also manage the screening, referral and identification process.



Screening, Referral, & Identification Process

- Specifics about the testing process for this year will be shared during the *Gifted Services Parent Information Session* on Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m.
 - The *gifted identification process* typically begins in the spring, however the collection of documentation and learner observations takes place all year.
 - Referrals may be submitted by parents, teachers, students, and other staff members.
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Screening, Referral, & Identification Process



New to APS or a Transfer?



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- If your child is new to APS and was already identified in a previous school system, I will be in contact with you. Previous identifications from other schools transfer to APS with appropriate eligibility documentation of previous services.
- If your child is new to APS and you would like them to be considered for gifted services, please contact me and I will send you a referral form.
- If your child is new to SMS (transfer from another APS school or they were identified in an APS elementary school, and you moved away and back to Arlington) our system automatically transfers their previous identification.





APS Gifted Resources

- Website: <https://www.apsva.us/gifted-services/>
 - Parent Academy Site: [Overview of Gifted Services video](#)
 - Twitter: @APSGifted
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I am here to
support
you and
your child!

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- Email: whitney.field@apsva.us
- Website: <https://swanson.apsva.us/departments/gifted-services/>
- Twitter: @msfieldwrites

If you have questions about high school placement, please contact your child's grade level counselor.

6th Grade: Chrissy Reardon, christine.reardon@apsva.us
7th Grade: Laura Goodwyn, laura.goodwyn@apsva.us and
Melissa Ortiz, melissa.laraortiz@apsva.us
8th Grade: Michelle Wilkes, michelle.wilkes@apsva.us

