



Northwest Allen County Schools

13119 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46845

Phone: (260) 637.3155

Fax: (260) 637.8355

Dear Parent,

Welcome to Northwest Allen County Schools (NACS). We are happy you've joined us and look forward to working with you and your child/children.

As a new student in NACS, your child has the opportunity to be considered for high ability services. The State of Indiana defines a high ability student as a student that performs at or shows potential to perform at an outstanding level of accomplishment in at least one domain when compared with other students of the same age, experience, or environment; and is characterized by exceptional gifts, talents, motivation, or interests.

Student assessments for **all** students are evaluated each spring to identify the best academic learning environment for the following school year, and program and course selections are made in light of this evaluation. Elementary students identified as having high ability (under Indiana's measures) may be serviced in multiple ways including differentiated classroom instruction or school day enrichment classes.

In order to be considered for these services at *this* time (rather than waiting for the next spring process), you will need to submit documentation of 90th percentile and above scores on a standardized achievement or cognitive abilities test. (Examples include NWEA, CogAT, state-specific assessments, WISC, ITBS, or Stanford Binet.) When you visit your child's school, please drop off this documentation to the Attention of the schools' PEAK Teacher. The PEAK teacher will then determine if further testing is or is not necessary for your child to qualify for high ability services in Northwest Allen County Schools and will contact you personally with that determination.

Thank you,

Kathleen Perfect ~ Principal of Arcola Elementary

Courtney Veith ~ Principal of Cedar Canyon Elementary

Brad Zern ~ Principal of Eel River Elementary

Kate Johanningsmeier ~ Principal of Hickory Center Elementary

Casey Stansifer ~ Principal of Huntertown Elementary

Jamie Wilkins ~ Principal of Oak View Elementary

Caleb Miner ~ Principal of Perry Hill Elementary