Talented and Gifted (TAG) at River Trail MS

Spring 2020
TAG students are placed in Advanced or TAG classes based on several criteria:

**Initial Placement Criteria:**
- 5\textsuperscript{th} Grade Teacher Recommendation
- 90\% or better average in the Content Area
- Stanford 10 Achievement score in the 90\textsuperscript{th} Percentile or better in a Content Area

**Alternative Placements:**
(2 must be met)
- 5\textsuperscript{th} Grade Teacher Recommendation
- Cumulative Average of 90\% or better in 4\textsuperscript{th} grade and 1\textsuperscript{st} semester of 5\textsuperscript{th} Grade
- 90\% or better on the Stanford 10 in Reading
- Final average of 80\% or better in advanced math or language arts
- Work samples
- Middle School is not a “pull out” program like elementary school.
- Students attend TAG classes every day in specific subject areas.
- Students could be in All Advanced and TAG classes or just 1 or 2.

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TAG Probation and Dismissal

- Students need to maintain an 80% average to avoid probation and dismissal.
- Every 4.5 weeks or sooner **Social Studies and Science** teachers contact parents of students who are close to the 80%.
- Every 9 weeks **Social Studies and Science** teachers place students on probation if a student is below an 80%.
- Once a student is on probation for a subject, he/she must maintain an 80% average or higher for each subsequent 9-week grading period of the academic year.
• If a student is not demonstrating progress in **Science or Social Studies**, he/she is moved to an on-level class for the next school year.

• **He/she may re-enter the TAG class the following year if he/she has demonstrated appropriate progress.**

• Math and ELA are based on the Fulton County continuum. If a student is not meeting the criteria for those classes, he/she can be placed in an appropriate level class.
This is the time we look at moving students from:

| On-Level Classes to Advanced or TAG Classes | Advanced or TAG Classes to On-Level Classes |
Higher Order Thinking Questions
Deeper Understanding of Concepts
Applying Concepts Beyond the Basics
Faster Pace
Projects
Complex Ideas
Essential Skills

COLLABORATIVE WORKER
CREATIVE THINKER
ADVANCED RESEARCH SKILLS
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR
INDEPENDENT
USES TIME WISELY
ORGANIZED
MOTIVATED