

Resources for Advanced Learners & Parents

- **Wisconsin Association for Talented & Gifted (WATG) www.watg.org**
- **Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) www.wcaty.org**
- **National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC): www.nagc.org**
- **Hoagies: www.hoagiesgifted.org**
- **You Know Your Child is Gifted When... by Judy Galbraith**
- **Parents' Guide to Raising a Gifted Child by James Alvino**
- **Keys to Parenting the Gifted Child by Sylvia Rimm**
- **A Parents Guide to Gifted Children by James E. Webb et. al**
- **The Survival Guide for Parents of Gifted Kids by Sally Yahnke Walker**



Working together to help them be the best they can be!

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**McFarland High School
Indian Mound Middle School
Waubesa Intermediate School
McFarland Primary & Conrad
Elvehjem Schools**

Phone: 608-838-4500 Ext 4537

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McFarland's Advanced Learner Services



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Information on the Web:

[http://
www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us/
families/AdvLearner.cfm](http://www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us/families/AdvLearner.cfm)

McFarland's Advanced Learner Philosophy

*The McFarland School District strives to meet the needs of all of their students, including our advanced learners. We recognize outstanding talents in children and youth from all cultural groups, across all economic strata and in all areas of human endeavor. We strive to identify students in the **five areas of giftedness: Intellectual, Academic, Creative, Artistic/ Dramatic and Leadership** and provide them with continuous and systematic services.*

McFarland staff and parents work together to sustain the effectiveness of district Advanced Learner Services.

McFarland's Advanced Learning Staff Includes:

Amanda Jamae,
District Advanced Learning Coordinator & High School Resource Teacher

Mary Donagan
Middle School Resource Teacher

Lisa Sheil
Intermediate School Resource Teacher

Carol Greig
Elementary Campus Resource Teacher

Please read on to learn how services are implemented at each building.

Advanced Learner Services K—5

Conrad Elvehjem and McFarland Primary School

The process of identifying our advanced learners begins at this level.

The Resource Teacher conducts regular classroom visits to the first and second grade classes. These visits provide instruction and practice in higher level thinking skills. The Resource Teacher also enhances and extends skills instruction to advanced learners in math and language arts.

Waubesa Intermediate School

Identification of our advanced learners continues at this level.

The students with in grades three through five are served by the Advanced Learner department in a variety of ways. Classroom visits by the Resource Teacher may focus on higher level thinking skills or curricular extensions. Students with identified needs may participate in pull-out groups such as Science Browsers, Writing Workshop, Social/Emotional Issues Discussion Groups or Math Meet teams. Compacted Math and Accelerated Math is also offered. All students have the opportunity to participate in contests such as Math 24 and Yahara River Writers. McFarland is able to provide opportunities to participate in Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search and student programs sponsored by the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth.

Advanced Learner Services 6—12

Indian Mound Middle School

Identification of our advanced learners continues at this level.

Indian Mound Middle School Advanced Learners are provided with many engaging, enriching and challenging experiences. The Resource Teacher collaborates with classroom teachers to enrich the curriculum with high level thinking skills and meaningful products. Identified students may participate in Social/Emotional Issues Discussion Groups, Math Meet, Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) online learning academies and in independent studies. Identified students are also offered participation in Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search. The Resource Teacher supports all-school events such as the Math 24 competition, the Yahara River Writers Contest and Science Bowl.

McFarland High School

McFarland's Advanced Learning staff provides assistance to identified high school students. This includes high school and college plan development, independent research, and distance learning opportunities such as APEX courses, college classes through Youth Options, WCATY enrichment activities and summer coursework. Advocacy for curricular modifications or course selection is also provided when needed.

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