

## Other Resources for GT Students & Parents

- **Wisconsin Association for Talented & Gifted (WATG) [www.watg.org](http://www.watg.org)**
- **Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) [www.wcaty.org](http://www.wcaty.org)**
- **National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC): [www.nagc.org](http://www.nagc.org)**
- **Hoagies: [www.hoagiesgifted.org](http://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**



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# McFarland's Gifted and Talented Services



**Information on the Web:**  
[www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us/msd/parents/fp-gt\\_php](http://www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us/msd/parents/fp-gt_php)

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## **McFarland's G&T Philosophy**

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The McFarland School District strives to meet the needs of all of their students, including those in the gifted population. 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 G&T Services.

### **McFarland's G&T Staff Includes:**

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*Please read on to learn how the G&T services are implemented at each building.*

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## **Conrad Elvehjem and**

### **McFarland Primary School**

The G&T staff provides support during the early entrance and grade acceleration process. The Resource Teacher conducts regular classroom visits to the first and second grade classes. The visits extend the curriculum and enhance the thinking skills instruction. The Resource Teacher also serves as a source for materials to differentiate the curriculum within the regular classroom. The process of identifying students with gifts and talents begins at this level.

### **Waubesa Intermediate School**

The students in grades three through five are served by the G&T department in a variety of ways. Classroom visits by the G&T 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, Math Extensions, Drama Group, Math Meet team or Survival Guide Group. All students have the opportunity to participate in contests such as Math 24 and Yahara River Writers. McFarland is also 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 and UW- Outreach. Identification of students with gifts and talents continues at this level.

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## **Indian Mound Middle School**

Indian Mound Middle School gifted and talented students are provided with many engaging, enriching and challenging experiences. The G&T Resource Teacher collaborates with classroom teachers to enrich the curriculum with high level thinking skills and meaningful products. Identified students may participate in Math Meet, Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) online learning co-ops and in independent studies. Identified students are also offered participation in Midwest Academic Talent Search. The G&T Resource Teacher supports all-school events such as the Math 24 competition, the Yahara River Writers' Anthology project and Book Club. Identification of students with gifts and talents continues at this level.

### **McFarland High School**

McFarland's G&T 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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