



High Ability Learner Program

Providing challenging educational experiences that
encourage students to learn.

Please sign in.

MPS HAL Philosophy Statement

- In the continuing pursuit of educational excellence, the Millard Public Schools will recognize and develop the **unique talents** and **diverse qualities** of students with **high academic, intellectual, creative, and/or artistic** ability so that each child will be **challenged** to achieve his or her full **potential**. This will be accomplished through:
 - a partnership of students, home, school and community,
 - clearly defined criteria for identification and curriculum development and measurable standards of student performance, and
 - broad-based and diverse educational opportunities.



MPS HAL Goals

- To provide appropriately challenging educational experiences that will encourage students to learn, to challenge themselves, and to contribute positively to society.
- To facilitate in each student the development of a healthy self-concept, an understanding of human diversity, and the life skills necessary for personal success and responsible living.



Identification Process

Grades 6-8

Grades 2-8 take the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) in February/March.

- Candidates must have three data points for testing:
 - MAP scores at/above 90th%ile
 - NESAs scores at/above 95th%ile
 - SIGS Home or School rating form above 110
 - Documentation of HAL inclusion from another district

Students scoring 127 and above on the CogAT qualify for HAL.



District Level Services

Students can be verified in three areas:

- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- Visual Spatial

Each 6th – 8th grade HAL student is invited to **two** district seminars per year:

- Architecture, Celebrate Creativity, CyberSurgery, Engineering, Extreme Math Day, Forensics CSI, Genetics, Geology, Mock Trial, Wildlife Biodiversity, Writing Workshop, Zoo Studies
- Invitations are based on student interest survey.



What is HAL Visual-Spatial?



Information for Visual-Spatial Learners

Hoagies Gifted

<http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/visual-spatial.htm>

Raising Topsy-Turvy Kids by Alexandra Shires Golon

Upside-Down Brilliance by Linda Silverman



Building Level Services

- Word Masters
- Acting Workshops / Drama Club
- Dissections
- Spelling Bee
- Geography Bee
- Quiz Bowl
- Math Counts / Math Competitions
- Quiz Bowl
- Chess Club
- Genius Hour
- Science Club / Science Olympiad
- Language Clubs
- Gaming Club
- Writing Club



Classroom Level Services

- Leveled Math Classes
- Grammar Extensions
- Literature Extensions
- Reading Extensions
- Science Extensions
- Social Studies Extensions
- Writing Extensions
- *Honors English 8 Course Coming Soon!*



Differentiation

- Training
- Team/PLC planning
- Pretesting and/or Formative Assessment
- Compacting units
- Enrichment



Survey Results

We continually seek to improve!



What does high school
look like for students of
high ability?



9-12 Honors & AP Courses

Honors English classes

Honors Math classes

Honors World Lang classes

AP Macro, AP Micro

AP Computer Science A

AP Lang, AP Lit

AP Stats, AP Calc AB and BC

AP Environmental Science

AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Physics

AP US or European or World History

AP Comparative Gov and Politics

AP Human Geography

AP Psychology

AP French, AP German, AP Spanish,
AP Japanese, AP Latin

Special Programs

- International Baccalaureate Programme @ MNHS
- Early College @ MSHS
- Academies (Education, Health Sciences, Distribution & Logistics Management, Entrepreneurship)
- Air Force JRROTC



9-12 Building Services PREVIEW

National Honor Society

Art Club

Chamber Orchestra

Classics Club

Language Clubs

Key Club

Science Club

Technology Club

Literary Club

Math Club/Competitions

Health Occupations Students of
America

Debate & Forensics (classes and
club)

Drama (classes and a club)

Student Council

Music Clubs



Would you like more information?

Millard Public Schools Website

- <http://www.mpsomaha.org/>
- Curriculum and Instruction
 - High Ability Learner

YOUR SCHOOL'S home page

National Association for Gifted Children

- www.nagc.org

Nebraska Association for Gifted

- www.negifted.org or Facebook, Twitter

Hoagies Gifted Education

- <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/>

