

"Geneva's elementary AE program is what I point toward whenever I am asked what sparked my passion for academics." -Sean W. class of 2027

Accelerated & Enrichment

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Accelerated & Enrichment (A&E) Overview

- AE Identification begins in the Spring of 3rd Grade for Reading and Mathematics
- A combination of CogAT, MAP and Teacher Recommendations are considered to qualify for A&E via our A&E Elementary and Middle School Matrix
 - 4th and 5th Grade Mathematics (60 Minutes, Daily)
 - 4th and 5th Grade Reading (75 Minutes, Daily)
 - 6th 8th Grade Accelerated Math (1 Period)
 - 6th 8th Grade Accelerated Language Arts (2 Periods, LA Block)

"I have consistently thought back to my time in the AE classroom because it really has affected me so much academically. Several years later, I still constantly think back on how lucky and fortunate I was to be in the AE program." Ethan O. - class of 2025



"The conversations we had about the books we were reading or just the conversation we had in general prepared me for middle school and just life overall." -Vivian D. class of 2026

AE Reading

• Empathy and Action • UNICEF Fundraiser

"In reading, I felt I learned a lot about how to analyze and comprehend all types of text. Some of the books we read have always stuck with me and there was such a variety of material we read. May B helped me understand poetry while Out of my Mind taught me how to annotate and dive deeper into understanding novels" -Mila C. class of 2027



AE Mathematics

• Ratios, Proportions, & Scaling—Oh, my!

"I specifically remember using the problem-solving strategies I learned in AE during MAP testing, the ICTM math competitions, and the SAT." -Eli B. class of 2028 "I think AE is helpful for middle school/high school because it teaches you more applicable skills (analyzing texts at a deeper level, giving presentations, and learning how to solve more complex mathematical problems, etc.)." -Hannah S. class of 2025

Looking Toward the Future

- Lasting effects from the elementary AE program
 - \circ Jax McGahan AE Reading
 - \circ Sawyer McGahan AE Math

"The AE classes introduced me to so many different fields and ideas. I remember one that really piqued my interest was the Fibonacci sequence; something about this set of numbers completely shifted the way I was looking at academics and the world around me. This I believe gave me a much more open and explorative mindset when I was taught new ideas" -Eli B. class of 2028



Continuous Collaboration

- AE Teachers meet with grade level teams in their respective buildings to plan and provide enrichment activities/materials, if needed.
- Elementary AE Teachers meet monthly with each other to plan, review practices, discuss students if needed.
- Elementary and Middle School work together in the Spring to identify/confirm middle school placements.
- Every other year or so, we collectively reflect and review processes to ensure efficiency and that we are identifying the right kids for acceleration and enrichment.
 - 2022 Move AE reading to 4th and 5th grade. Change was well received and feedback has been positive
 - Allowed for better alignment with literacy blocks in the master schedule and increased minutes in AE.
 - Reduced the number of students that were problem solved in 4th grade, by administering CogAT in 3rd grade instead of 2nd grade.
 - 2017 Detangled Math Matrix in 2017



Reading and LA Matrix Review

- Detangle and Simplify Qualification Matrix
- Reduce Problem Solving Meetings
 - Identifying appropriate students for AE
- Reduce the number of "Newly Qualified" AE students entering Middle School without previous AE "experience"

"I remember debating with my peers often, and I believe I became better at conveying ideas, listening to others, and reaching a conclusion with each other. These skills have been very helpful in my English classes and communication in the real world." -Melanie C. class of 2027

Elementary Reading Matrix

Current Matrix

Revised Matrix (25/26)

Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT)	Measurement of Academic Progress(MAP)	Points
Verbal Score	Reading Total	
136-160	n/a	5
126-135	95-99	4
126- 1 35	90-94	3
125	90-99	3
123-124	95-99	3
120-122	97-99	3
	Teacher Evaluation	
Score	70-90	3
Score	65-69	2
Score	60-64	1
Parent Recommendation (if needed)		1
		7 Points Needed

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Reading Standard Age Score	Points	
136 +	4	
125 - 135	3	
120 - 124	2	
116 - 119	1	
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	Points	
Reading Percentile Rank	Points	
98 +	3	
94 - 97	2	
90 - 93	1	
Teacher Evaluation	Points	
Score 70 - 90	1	
Below 70	0	
Placement	Points Needed	
4 th Grade	5	

Middle School Language Arts Matrix

Current Matrix

Revised Matrix (25/26)

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)	Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	
Verbal Score	Reading Total (Percentile Rank)	Points
136-160	n/a	5
126-135	95-99	4
126-135	90-94	3
125	90-99	3
123-124	95-99	3
120-122	97-99	3
	Teacher Evaluation	
Score	70-90	1
Score	Below 70	0
		4 Points Needed

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) Reading Standard Age Score	Points	
136 +	4	
125 - 135	3	
120 - 124	2	
116 - 119	1	
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	Points	
Reading Percentile Rank		
95 +	3	
90 - 94	2	
85 - 89	1	
Teacher Evaluation	Points	
Score 70 - 90	1	
Below 70	0	
Placement	Points Needed	
6 th – 8 th Grade	5	



Questions?