



COTW: Education Committee

July 9, 2025



Agenda

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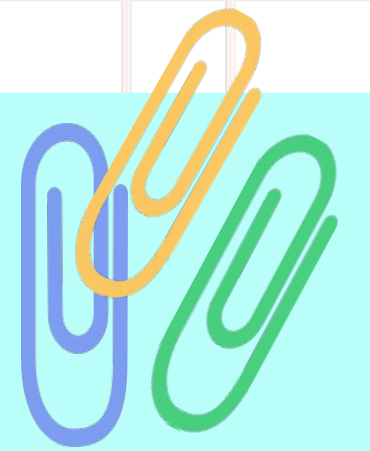
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Special Education Programming

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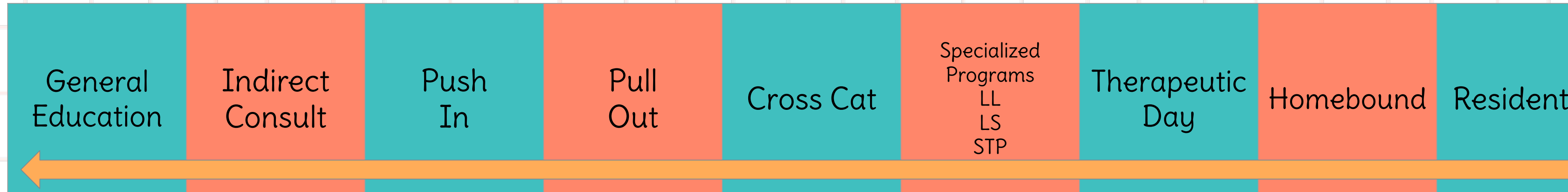
Continuum of Service

Specialized Programs

Program Highlights

Continuum of Service

Elementary



Secondary

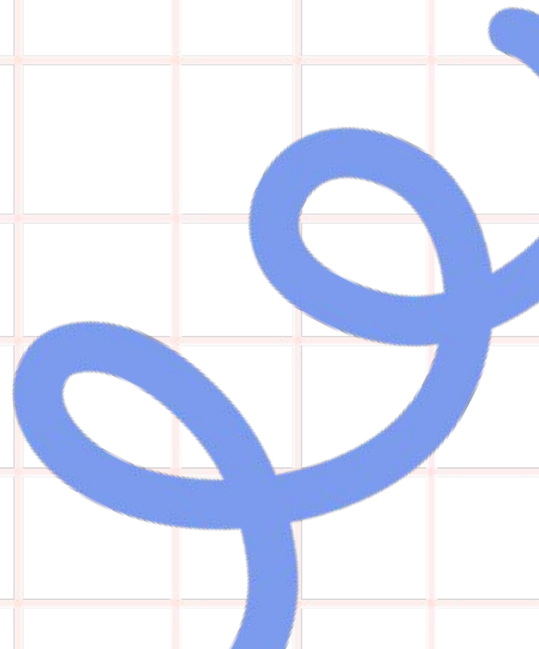
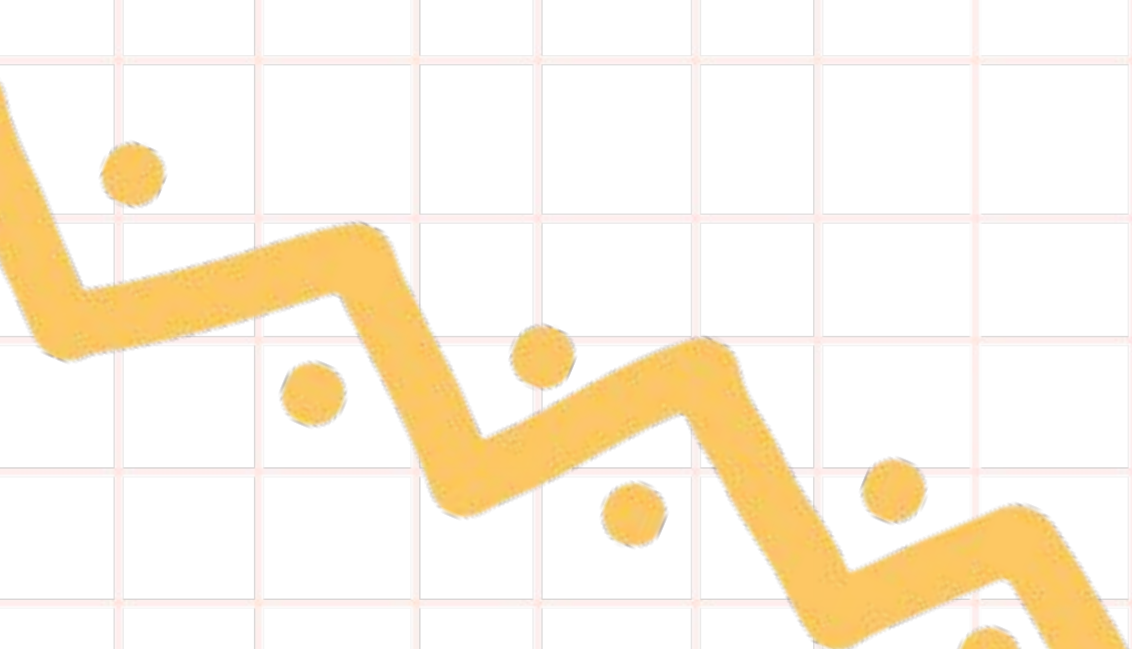


Specialized Programs

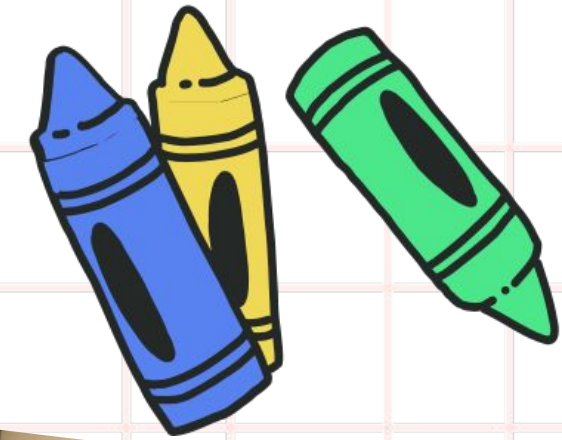
Structured Teaching Program
(STP)

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Life Skills



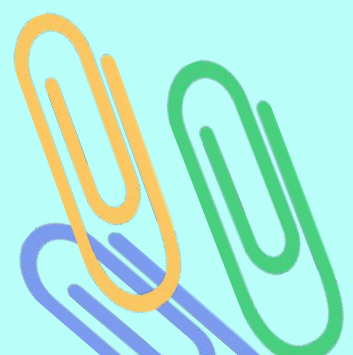
Life Skills



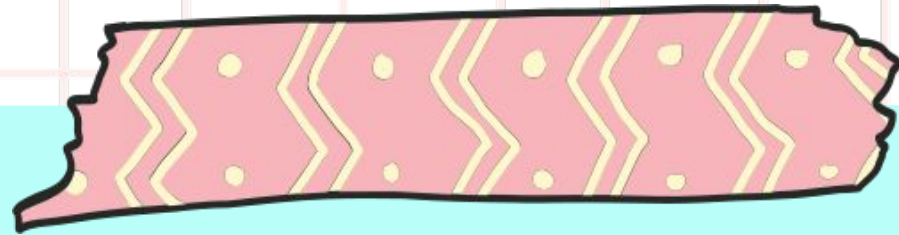
- Serve children and young adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.
- Concentrates on building skills in areas such as academic, self-care, daily living skills, socialization, communication, and vocational skills.
- Focus areas of instruction include independent work stations, small group and center instruction, as well as whole group activities.



Elementary Life Skills is housed at Loves Park Elementary



Structured Teaching Program (STP)



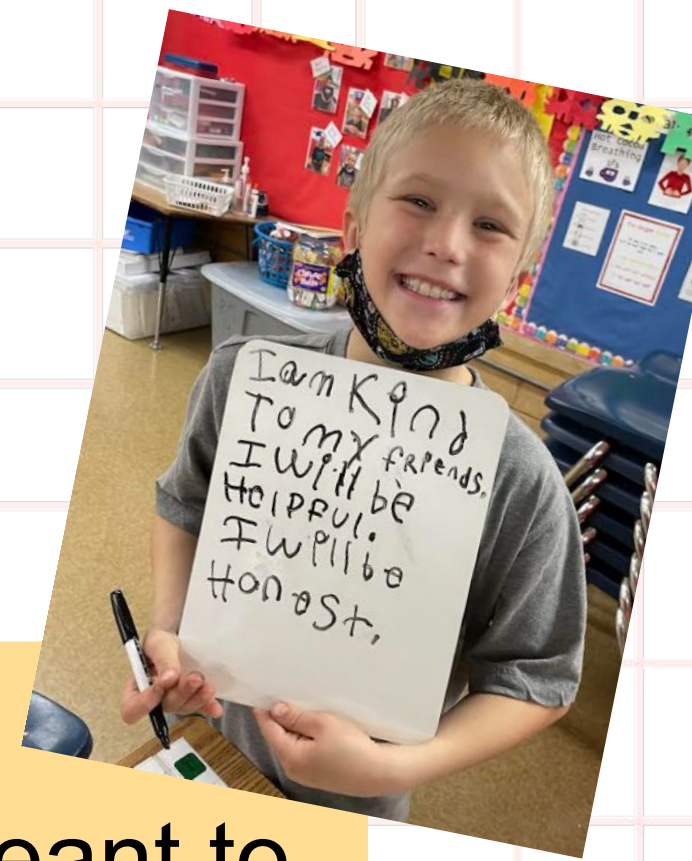
- Primarily designed for students on the Autism Spectrum or for students who demonstrate the overall need for a highly structured environment.
- Stresses the development of independence through individualized academic, communication, social and independent leisure, and functional skills.




Learning Lab




The Learning Lab is a social emotional behavioral program meant to teach coping skills and appropriate behavior in order to reintegrate into the general education setting.







Student's day begins with a Morning Meeting and ends with an Afternoon Meeting.



Students attend specials with their assigned general education teacher.



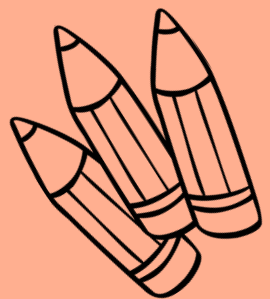
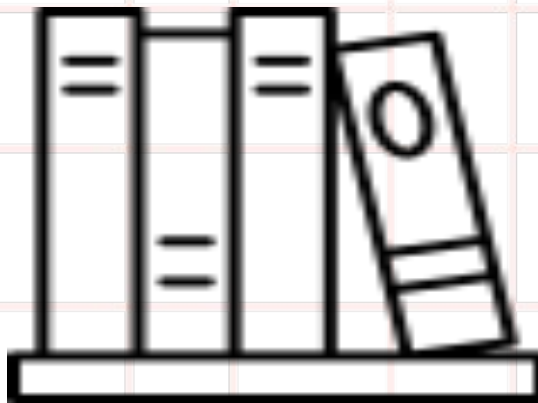
Students use a daily point sheet to document specific behaviors throughout the day.



Students work to understand how to manage strong feelings and take responsibility for their actions.

Advanced Learner Program Data & Showcase

Marya Nelson



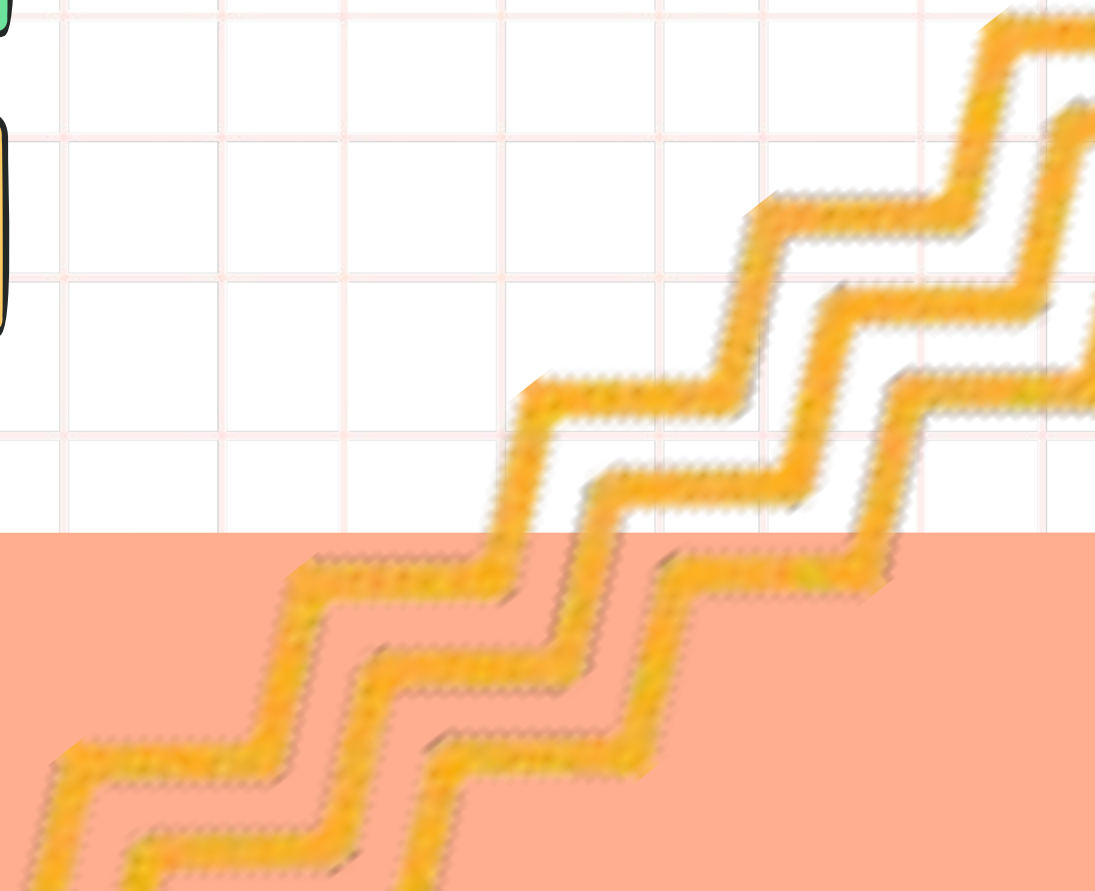
Advanced Learner Program (ALP)

Program Overview & Goals

Selection & History of Program

Data

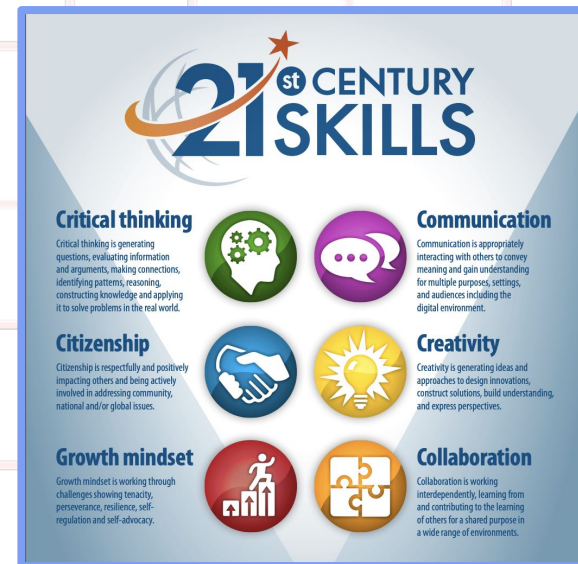
Program Highlights



ALP Program Overview & Goals

Engage students in their learning process and challenge them

Use iReady scores to identify the top 5% of each school



Bring students together who have common interests and a love of learning.

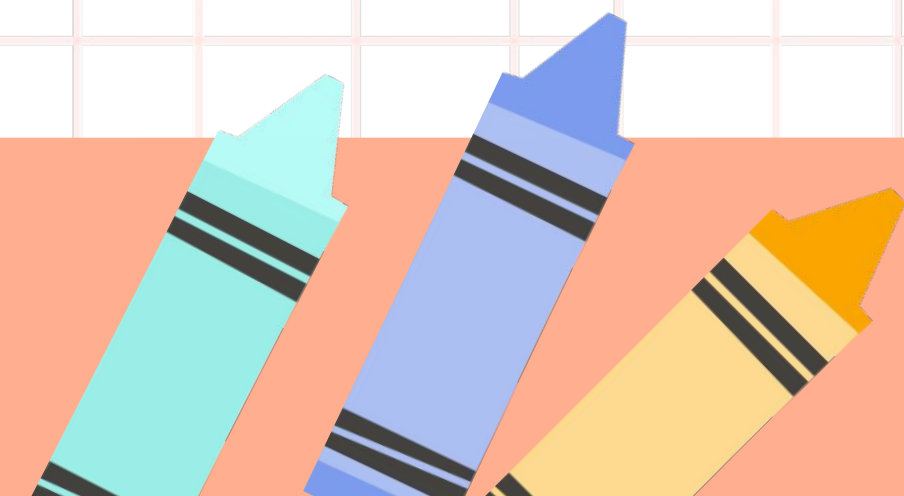
Overview

Selection Process

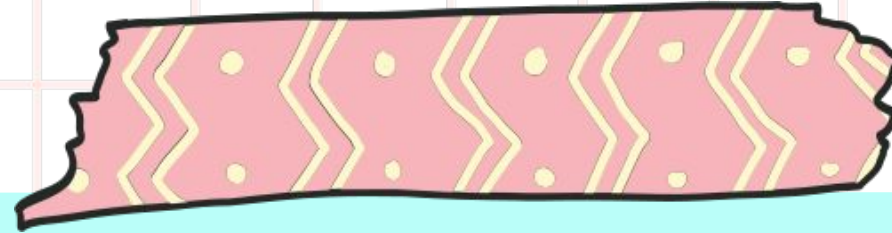
- Scores from our benchmark assessments (fall, winter & spring) and the input of the MTSS team determines the top 5% of the school population.
- Individual needs of students drive the focus of the curriculum and instruction
- Pre-assessment is used to determine the appropriate kind of differentiation needed.
- This program is currently housed at Olson Park Elementary School.

Most Recent changes

- Use of school level norms for all ID purposes and use existing universally administered assessments.
- The addition of the 3rd grade classroom.



2nd Grade Selection Data

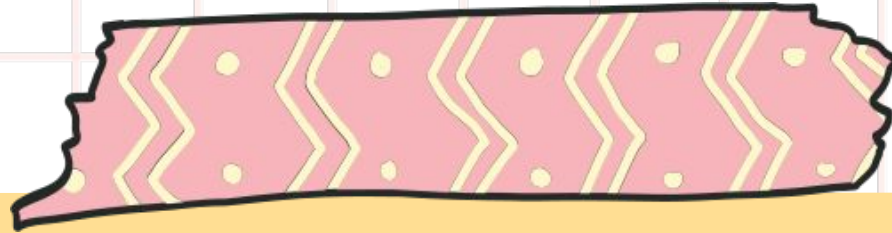


- All 2nd graders iReady Benchmark assessments were reviewed.
- Top 5% of each building were identified & initial students were invited.
- 15 families attended the Parent Information Night.
- Total number of students who received an invite: 32
- Acceptance Rate: 56%
- Homeschools for incoming students:

MQ- 4	MC- 0	LP- 1	WI-1	MP- 4	RC- 2
OP- 5	RA- 0	Private School- 1			


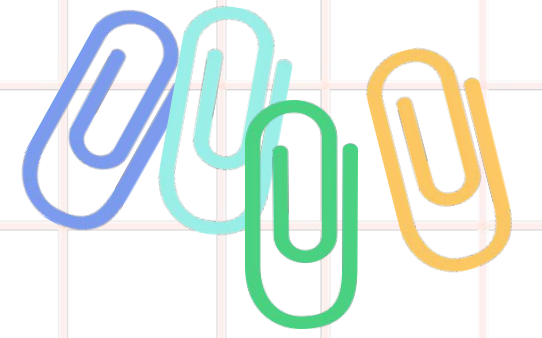


Program Data

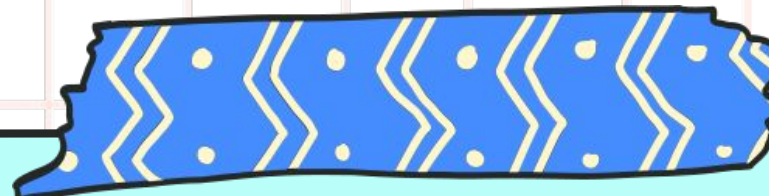


- 21 Females, 45 Males
- 6 students with 504 Plans
- 1 student with an IEP/para
- 21 of the 66 students in ALP are two or more races or a race other than white

Highlights




Recognizes the multifaceted abilities and needs of our high achieving children.



Addition of the 3rd grade classroom to challenge the students sooner



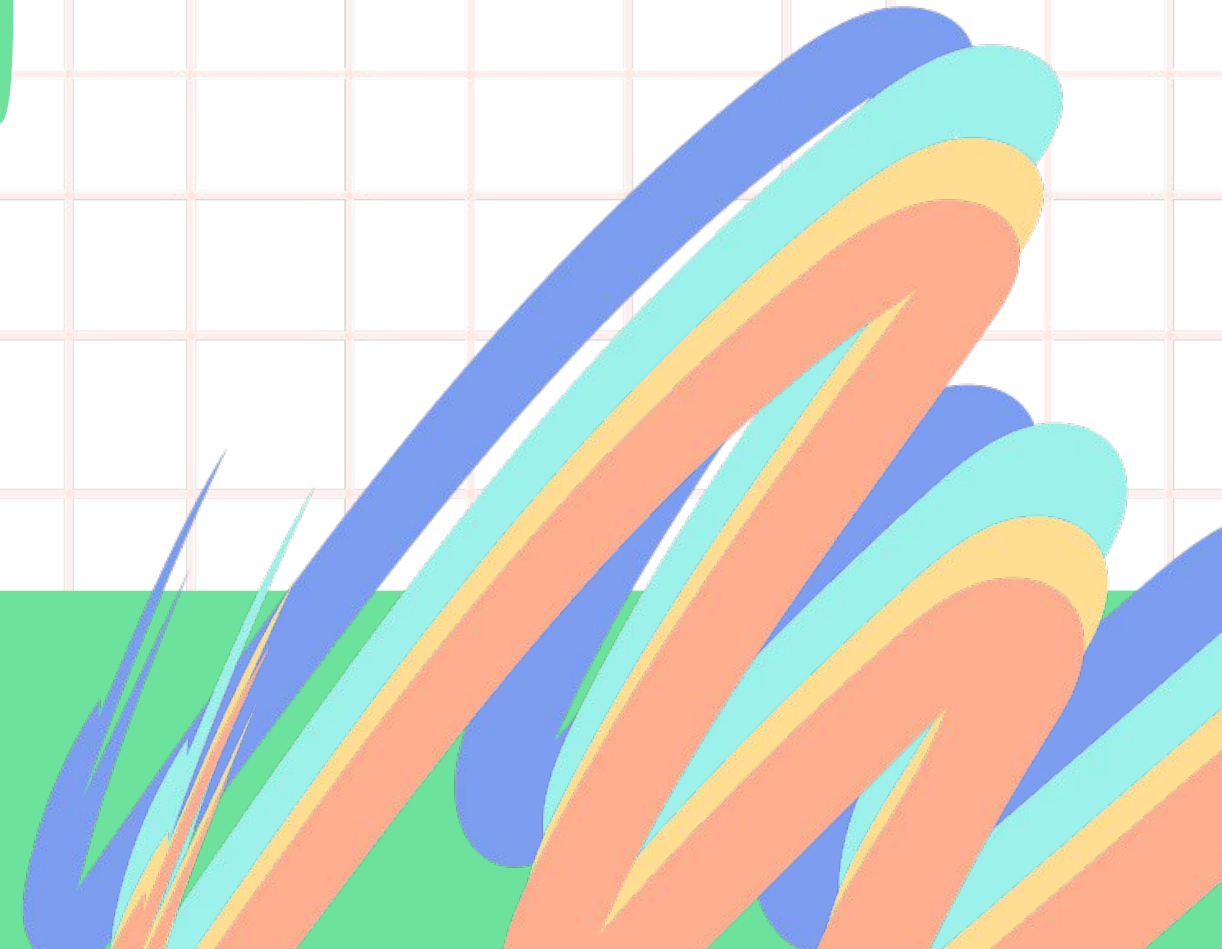
Special opportunities such as Wax Museum and STEAM Fair



To engage students in their learning process and challenge them to achieve their personal academic and social/emotional best.

Fine Arts Program

Abbi Edwards



Fine Arts Program

Program Overview & Goals

Selection & History of Program

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Program Highlights

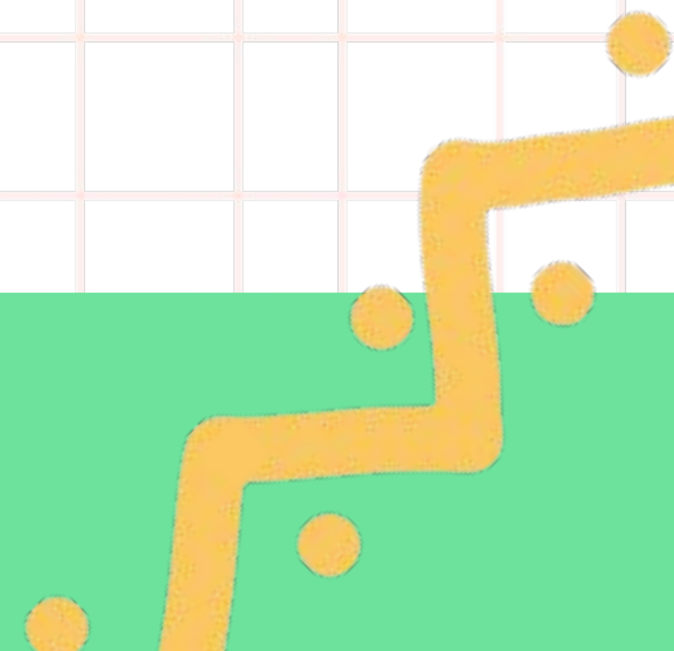
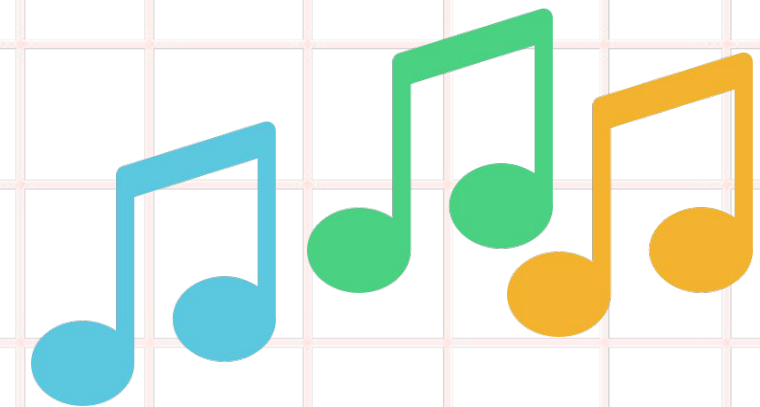
Fine Arts Program Overview & Goals

To provide exploration and special instruction for students who have potential in the Fine Arts

Additional opportunities to experience the arts through additional field trips and Fine Arts instruction

Provide dance, drama, music and double art (studio time) specials

Fine Arts are woven into the reading, writing, social studies, math, and science instruction



Overview



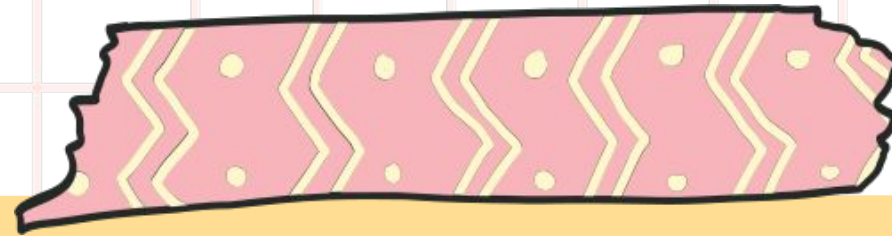
Selection

- Letters sent to current 3rd grade students with potential in the areas of art and/or music per testing with music teachers in class
- Family Information Night
- Audition application
- Audition process, judges, notification

History

- Started in 1991
- Machesney Elementary was chosen to house the program because of the amenities
- one class for each of the three grades
- have grades 3 (started in the 2025-2025 school year), 4, & 5

Data



2024-2025 School Year

- Invitations to students in 3rd grade for music and art pre-assessment
- 42 students signed up for auditions, 6 students did not attend the auditions
- Total of 74 students in grades 3 (23), 4(3), 5(2)
- Acceptance Rate 93%
- 60 Females, 14 Males, 2 students with a 504 Plan, 2 students who identify as LEP, 3 students with an IEP

- Homeschools for incoming students:

MQ-6

MC-2

LP-6

WI-3

MP-4

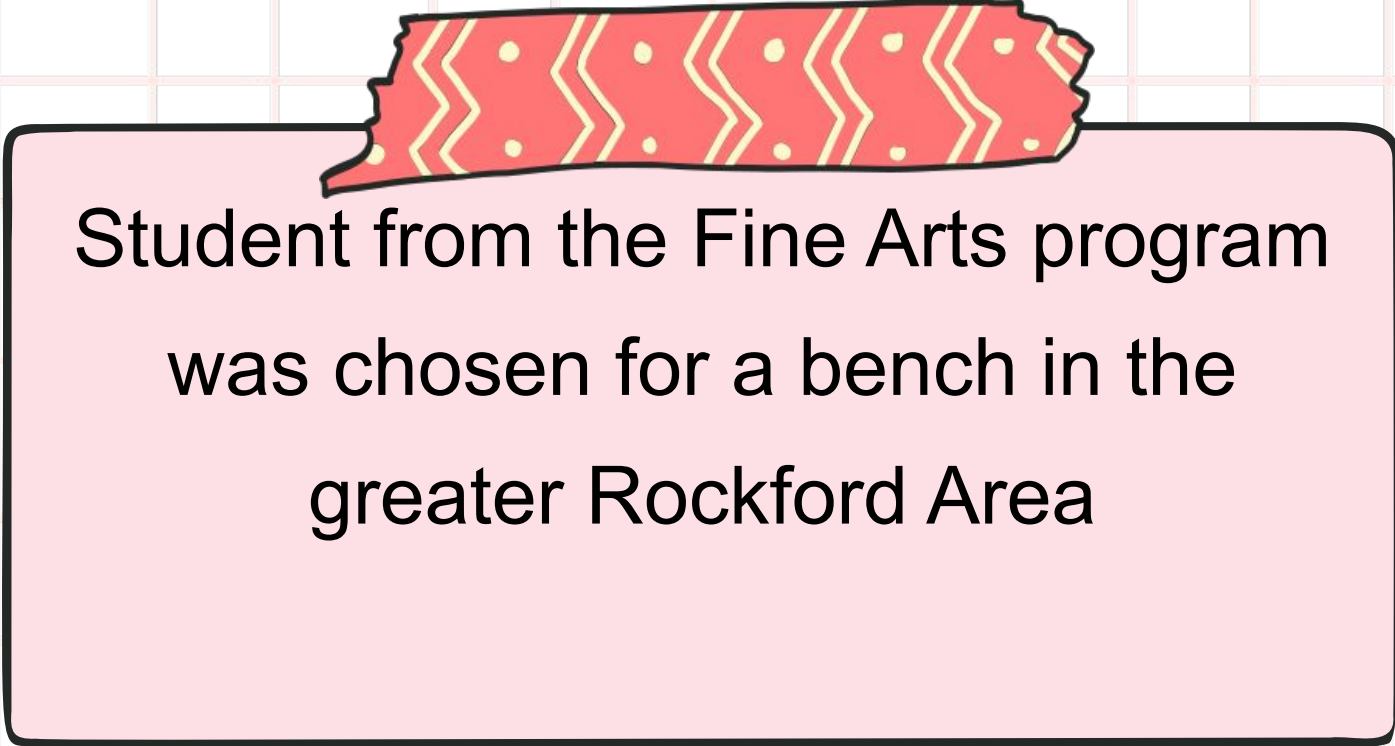
RC-2

OP-1

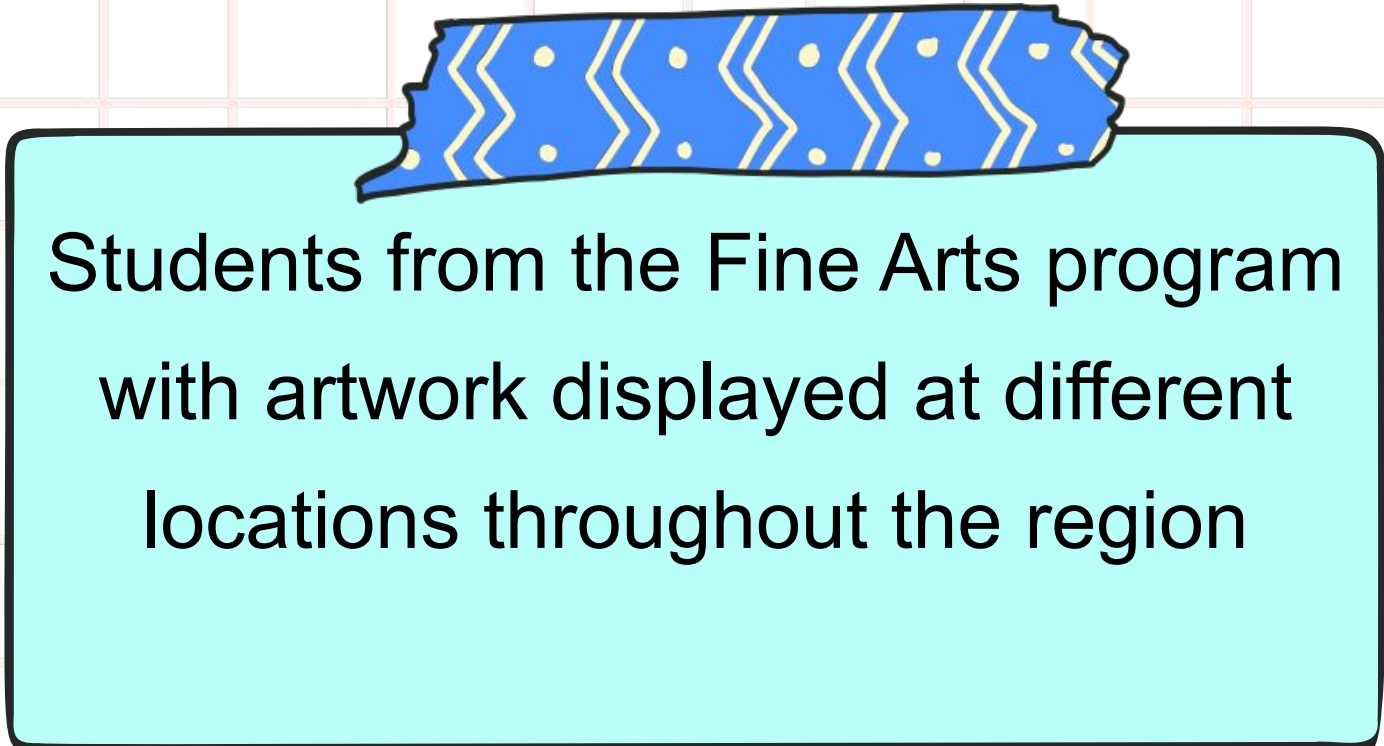
RA-2

Private school-1

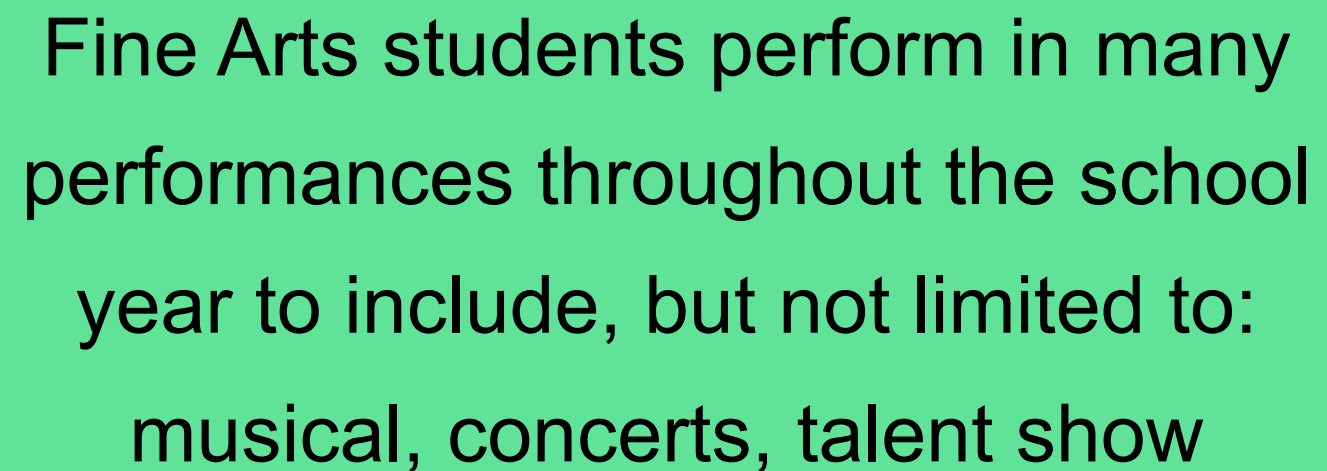
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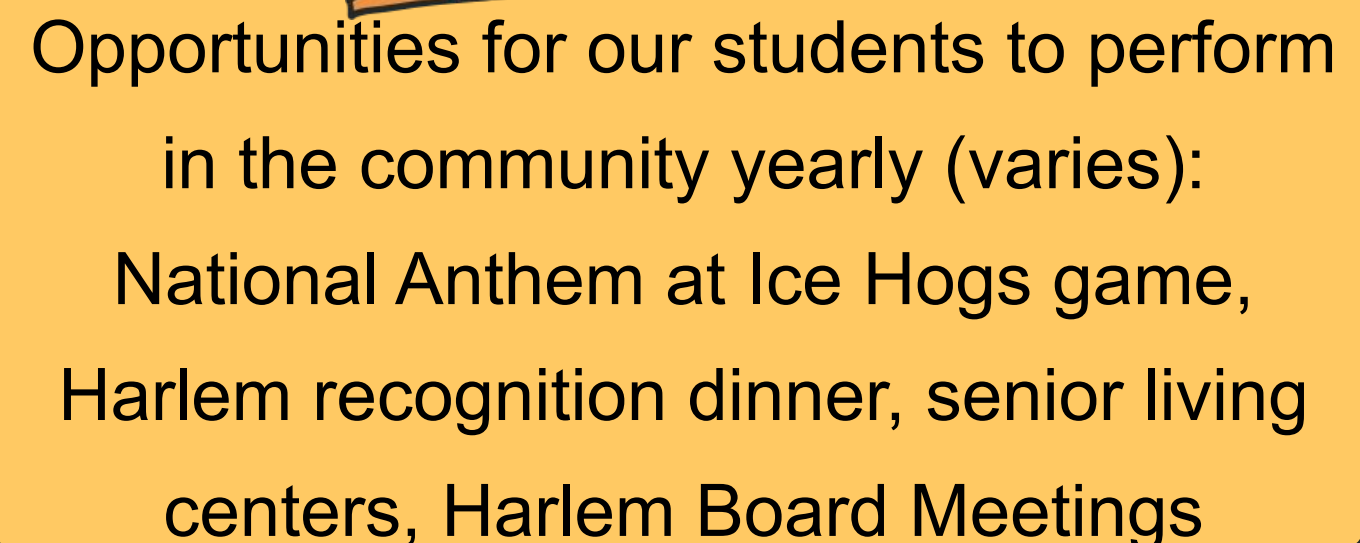
Student from the Fine Arts program
was chosen for a bench in the
greater Rockford Area



Students from the Fine Arts program
with artwork displayed at different
locations throughout the region



Fine Arts students perform in many
performances throughout the school
year to include, but not limited to:
musical, concerts, talent show



Opportunities for our students to perform
in the community yearly (varies):
National Anthem at Ice Hogs game,
Harlem recognition dinner, senior living
centers, Harlem Board Meetings

