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Directed Discussion in Grade Level Groups

1. What are your expectations of the school for your high ability student?

- * Challenge them at the level they are at
- * Educators willing to push them and challenge them
- * Communication
 - Test Scores (use to differentiate for instruction)
 - Identify and Communicate Opportunities in/out of school
- * Bump kids in subject areas
- * Raise standards (expectations)
- * Recognize academic performance
- * Different academic offerings-advanced rigor
- * More focus on STEM
- * "Career" Fair (STEM) Get kids involved at Middle School
- * "Academy" feel
- * Safe place to fail
- * After school program
- * identify strengths and weaknesses
- * Survey parents yearly
- * Keep distractions down to promote learning
- * Promote self-discipline/turning in homework
- * What does it take to get into TAG?
- * Good behavior/mentoring
- * Challenge to keep out of trouble
- * Tie school to life.
- * Get appropriate level of challenge
- * Boredom
- * Tailor to individual level/gifts
- * College level classes too soon/or have available
- * What are they doing in TAG
- * What are they missing?
- * Question curriculum"
- * Goals – are there any?
 - in school/at home

2. What is school doing to meet the needs of your advanced student?

- * We are unsure.
- * SHIFT
- * TAG
- * Ability Grouping
- * Workshop Model

3. What would you like to see the school doing to meet the needs of your advanced student?

- *See Expectations

- *Individualization

- *Partner with other districts

- *Opportunities other than TAG for advancement

- *Leverage parents and community to help provide opportunities

- *JA

4. Ways you, as a parent, are helping your gifted child grow at home.

- *Read every night

- *Flashcard

- *Homework first!

- *Real life Math/Geography/History/etc.

- *Websites

Student remarks by picture:

More Experiments. I like science projects.

More science projects. I like computer projects. I like computers.

I want school to push me. I like PE, Music, Library, Art, Guidance, Math, Reading, S.S. and Science. I look forward to going to school. I like doing projects and typing papers. I like having a good size study hall to work on homework. I want more free reading time. I also really like Tech. I also like doing crafts.