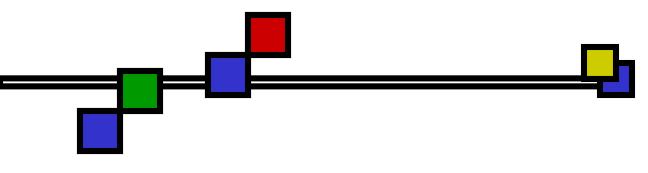


New Pathways in Gifted Education

Charlottesville City Schools 2019–2020



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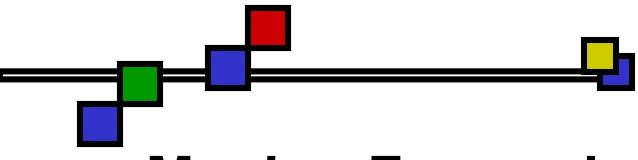
- Most information on the following slides was shared with the public
 - May 31, 2019 School Board Retreat
 - June13, 2019 School Board Meeting
 - Summer 2019 Interviews with media outlets
 - August 5, 2019 City Council Meeting
 - August 12, 2019 NAACP Education Committee



Changing Terminology

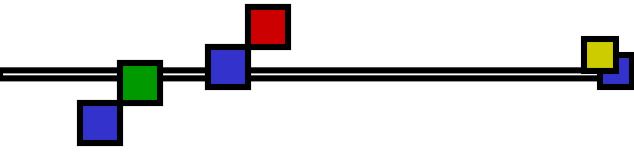
Old Terminology	Current Terminology
Quest Program	Gifted Education Program
Gifted Education Specialist GES	Gifted Resource Teacher GRT
Quest Advisory Committee QAC	Gifted Advisory Committee GAC
ArtQuest	TBD





Moving Forward

- Student Benefits
 - Quality services in the classroom
 - Opportunities for enriched & extended learning
 - Flexible & differentiated interventions
 - Interests & talents identified and developed
 - All students gain from the lessons
 - Supports self-actualization



Moving Forward

- Teacher Benefits
 - Collaboration to support planning & teaching
 - Increased differentiation of instruction
 - Lessons integrate with the core curriculum
 - Maximizes strengths of teachers & specialists
 - Recognizes and develops student talents
 - Shared responsibility for student growth





- Programming options for gifted and talented students may occur in a variety of ways.
- What matters are the strategies that allow students access to appropriate levels of challenge and complexity.
- "Almost any form of grouping (flexible, targeted, and not permanent) used will provide an academic or achievement gain to gifted learners with researchers reporting positive social and emotional gains as well."





What the Research Says

- Effective Components of Gifted Programs
 - A written curriculum
 - Clear student learning goals
 - Differentiated instruction
 - Acceleration
 - Enrichment
 - Assessment of student growth



Screening

Previously

Traditional

- All 1st graders complete portfolio activities
- Teachers complete checklist of indicators of giftedness
- All 1st graders take an ability test

Moving Forward

- All 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders complete portfolio activities
- Division develops observation protocols and revises checklists
- K–3 teachers keep observation notes & collect student work
- All 2nd graders take nonverbal ability test
- All 3rd graders take an ability test
- 2nd –8th take MAP in English & Math



Identification

Previously Traditional

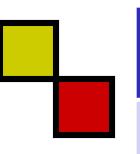
- Hold major identification meeting at end of 1st grade
- Have nomination forms available at schools
- Have up to 5 ID meetings a year

Moving Forward

- Have major identification meeting at end of 3rd grade
- Use culturally sensitive identification protocols
- Review teacher observation notes & student portfolios
- Have nomination forms online and at schools
- Have two ID meetings (Nov. & April)



Services



Previously

Traditional

- Many pull out services
- Some isolated learning experiences
- Lessons for targeted students
- More isolated decision making
- Identify talent in some students

Moving Forward

- Direct services in general education classrooms; no pullout services
- Lessons for all students
- In-class clustering of students
- Shared decision making
- Cultivate talent in all students



Curriculum

Previously

Traditional

- Plan individually
- Develop lessons for targeted students
- Share instructional resources with teachers

Moving Forward

- Plan & collaborate as teams
- Develop differentiated lessons and resources for all students
- Use components of 4 models
 - 1. CLEAR Curriculum Model
 - 2. Depth & Complexity Model
 - 3. Differentiated Instruction Model
 - 4. Integrated Curriculum Model
- Add lessons to CCS curriculum documents



Professional Learning (PL)

Previously

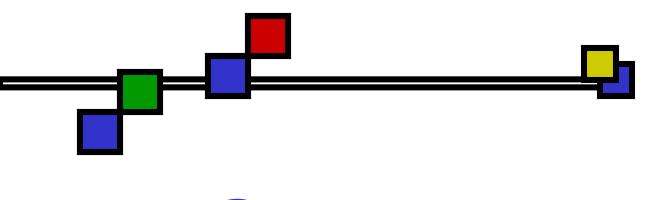
Traditional

- Provide ongoing PL
- Attend PLCs when possible
- Make teachers aware of differentiated practices

Moving Forward

- Have ongoing & targeted PL
- Participate regularly in grade level & content PLCs
- Model & co-teach lessons that support differentiation
- Hire UVA expert as consultant





Change is a journey, not a blueprint.



Michael Fullan