

Simpson County Schools

Gifted and Talented Board Report

February 13, 2020

GT & PTP General Updates:

- Simpson Co. Schools has a total of 406 students actively identified as Primary Talent Pool (K-3) or Gifted and Talented (grades 4-12), representing 13% of total student enrollment
- Detailed GT Opportunity & Access IC Report can be viewed here:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11e9AopUUDG2QXAEI4cDR4nM-rtmIWgkl/view?usp=sharing>
- Two Simpson Co. teachers, Sam Northern at SES and Jessica Mosley at LES, are currently pursuing GT endorsements through WKU
- District Gifted & Talented Committee will meet March 23, 2020, to review evidence for new student referrals for GT identification
- NEW: District GT Newsletter being sent electronically to all PTP and GT families with updates on events, resources, staff, and programming to improve communication with stakeholders. The newsletter is also linked from the Gifted & Talented homepage on the district website.
- KDE has updated the GT Progress Report form in Infinite Campus for 2019-2020. Simpson County has transitioned to this new GT Progress Report form for grades 4-12 to allow for greater uniformity across the district and improve portability of student GT records in Infinite Campus.
- PTP/GT Progress Monitoring meetings have been implemented at Simpson Elementary and Lincoln Elementary to improve communication and accountability. All regular classroom teachers meet with GT/PTP Coordinators and CIAs to review academic progress of Primary Talent Pool and/or GT-identified students and discuss evidence to support additional student referrals for identification.
 - PTP Progress Monitoring: Simpson Elementary: Sept. 12, 2019 and Feb. 6, 2020
 - GT Progress Monitoring: Lincoln Elementary: Jan. 31, 2020
- Gifted Student Service Plans (GSSP) and 1st semester GT Progress Reports have been entered into Infinite Campus and printed copies are being home to families of all GT students
- Professional Development: GT overview given during New Teacher Orientation and for FSHS staff, sessions on perfectionism presented at Nov. 5, 2019 Learning Community Day.

School Reports:

- **Franklin Elementary**
 - Services Offered - Classroom differentiation, STLP, flexible grouping in reading and math, student contests, and classroom leadership positions

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- **Simpson Elementary** (Primary Talent Pool/PTP)
 - Number of students identified for Primary Talent Pool: 132 (19% of SES students), 173 students participate in Super Simpson enrichment opportunities (25%)
 - CogAT universal screening for all 3rd-grade students at SES scheduled for March 2, 2020
 - Mrs. Dianne Wade and Mrs. Jamie Arney servicing high-potential learners at Simpson Elementary in areas of reading, writing and math through combination of pull-out enrichment and collaborative teaching with regular classroom teachers.
 - PTP services offered:
 - flexible grouping in reading and math
 - STLP, Research Ambassadors, and GeoBee contest
 - Super Simpson enrichment classes meet on a rotating schedule three times a year. Students are enrolled in two different Super Simpson classes, for a total of six sessions throughout the school year
 - PTP art enrichment meets twice a month and student work will be displayed at Gallery on the Square during the Young Artists exhibition in March
 - PTP Music Cats music enrichment meets twice a month. Students enjoyed a field trip to the Nashville Orchestra's Young People's Series at The Schermerhorn on January 24, 2020, for the "Montgomery Variations" program featuring a selection of symphonic music from black American composers.
 - Planning has begun for Year 2 of Camp Summit, a summer enrichment camp for SES students who have been identified as PTP. This year's camp will have a \$25 registration cost and will be open to all PTP-identified students entering 2nd or 3rd grade for 2020-2021. Breakfast, and lunch will be included. Parents/guardians must provide transportation.
- **Lincoln Elementary** (Gifted and Talented/GT)
 - Number of students currently identified: 41 (8.25% of LES students)
 - Services offered 2019-2020:
 - Flexible grouping in reading and math
 - Edge Academy full-day enrichment for 25 4th-graders and 25 5th-graders
 - Afternoon field trips to Edge Academy for Math and Visual Arts enrichment students in 4th & 5th grades for extended instructional opportunities
 - Mrs. Wade provides GT consultation and collaborative teaching on Fridays
 - Extracurricular activities including Robotics, STLP, Academic Team, Future Problem Solvers, Student Lighthouse Team, Art Club, Jr. Beta, Chorus, Leadership Speech Contest, and student musical (also open to students from SES)

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- o **EDGE Academy** (GT and High Potential Learners, 4th & 5th grades)
 - Number of students served 2019-2020: 50 (25 4th-graders, 25 5th-graders)
 - Edge Growth Reports and copies of Student Self-Reflections for 1st semester sent home to families of all Edge students
 - Once CogAT screening results are received, selected students will begin in application process to attend Edge Academy in April 2020
- **Franklin Simpson Middle School** (Gifted and Talented/GT)
 - o Number of students identified: 122 (17% of students)
 - o NEW: “The Summit” cohort program for GT-identified, Edge Academy alumni, and locally-normed high ability students. The Summit cohorts are taught by two teachers per grade (one from each team). Students meet daily during Flex period from 2:15-3:00 p.m. for project-based learning enrichment opportunities.
 - o Services offered 2019-2020: Advanced Math, English and Social Studies classes, Academic Team, Robotics, field trips, Student Council, Lighthouse Team, Beta Club, community theater productions, choir, and Leadership Day at FSHS
 - o Justin Mitchell, GT Building Coordinator, conferences with all FSMS gifted students on an individual basis
- **Franklin Simpson High School and West Campus** (Gifted and Talented/GT)
 - o Number of students identified: 111 (15.6% of students)
 - o Services offered 2019-2020:
 - AP classes: English Literature, English Language, Human Geography, Calculus, US Government, US History, World History, Psychology, Statistics, Biology
 - Electives/Clubs/Competitions (Enrichments): Academic Team, Beta Club, DECA, Diversity, FBLA, FCA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, Journalism, Mu Alpha Theta, Skills USA, Travel Club, Yearbook
 - Pre-AP classes: English, Biology, Chemistry, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Physics
 - Dual credit courses
 - Music – Band (marching, pep, jazz, and concert); Choir (Chamber Choir, musicals, Quad-State Honors Choir, KMEA Competitions)
 - Art – Art I, II, III, & IV
 - Leadership - Leadership Day, Renaissance Day, Student Council, Superintendents’ Student Advisory Council, Youth Service Center, Club and Class Officers
 - o Leah Wood (CIA) meets with all GT-identified students for feedback on their GT services
 - o Leah Wood will be coordinating second “Leadership Day” for GT Leadership students in grades 6-12 on May 1, 2020
 - o Gatton Academy – 1 student attending (junior)
 - o Governor’s Scholars – multiple students have applied for summer sessions

