

**Simpson County Schools**  
**Gifted and Talented Board Report**  
**February 10, 2021**

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**GT & PTP General Updates:**

- Simpson Co. Schools has a total of 336 (total) 96 Primary Talent Pool (K-3) 240 Gifted and Talented (grades 4-12)
- 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 virtually in May 2021 to review evidence for new student referrals for GT identification
- KDE has updated the GT Progress Report form in Infinite Campus for 2020-2021. 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.
- The District GT Committee will review academic progress of Primary Talent Pool and/or GT-identified students and discuss evidence to support additional student referrals for identification.
- 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.

**School Reports:**

- **Franklin Elementary**
  - Services Offered - Classroom differentiation through assignments
  - Due to virtual and hybrid learning differentiation services were provided through the classroom teacher.
- **Simpson Elementary (Primary Talent Pool/PTP)**
  - Number of students identified for Primary Talent Pool: 96 students
  - Current 3rd grade students will be given the CogAT universal screening August 2021.
  - The full CogAt will be given to students who scored 85% or higher on the CogAt screener given in September 2021.
  - Mrs. Dianne Wade serviced high-potential learners at Simpson Elementary in areas of reading, writing and math through collaborative teaching with regular classroom teachers. Enrichment activities were made available to the teachers to push out to PTP students. PTP math and ELA Google meets were also made available weekly.
  - PTP services offered:
    - Virtual services were provided to students during hybrid learning.

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- Mr. Northern led STLP, and the GeoBee contest. Lego League starts in March.
  - Mr. Ballard taught art virtually and Mrs. Wade sent art enrichment resources to PTP students/parents. The Gallery on the Square is not hosting a Young Artists exhibit this year. They are collecting student work to print on banners to hang on poles around the square.
  - Mr. Benson taught music virtually and Mrs. Wade sent Music enrichment resources to PTP parents/students.
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- **Lincoln Elementary (Gifted and Talented/GT)**
    - Number of students currently identified: 21 (5th Grade)
    - Services offered 2020-2021:
      - Differentiated instruction was provided by the teacher. Mrs. Wade provided teachers with enrichment math and reading activities to push out through Schoology. Mrs. Wade offered GT math and ELA Google Meets once a week.
      - Due to virtual/hybrid learning schedules EDGE met for half a day once a week. EDGE was available to 5th grade students only. 15-18 students attended EDGE each week. Testing for 4th grade EDGE students was not completed in the Spring.
      - Mrs. Wade provides GT consultation and collaborative teaching on Fridays and as needed.
      - Extracurricular activities including Academic Team, Future Problem Solvers, Student, Leadership Speech Contest, and Odyssey of the Mind.
  - **EDGE Academy (GT and High Potential Learners, 4th & 5th grades)**
    - Number of students served 2020-21: 25 5th-graders, Students attended EDGE on their virtual Wednesday or Thursday. 15-18 in attendance.
    - EDGE Growth Reports for the year will go home in April. EDGE progress is recorded on the Gifted and Talented Progress Report.
    - Once CogAT screening results are received, selected students will begin the application process to attend Edge Academy in August 2021.
    - Current 3rd and 4th grade students will be evaluated to participate in EDGE Services.

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- **Franklin Simpson Middle School (Gifted and Talented/GT)**
  - Number of students identified: 91
  - 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.
  - Services offered 2020-2021: (Dependent on Covid Guidelines) Advanced Math, English and Social Studies classes, Odyssey of the Mind, Academic Team, Student Council, Lighthouse Team, Beta Club, and choir.
  - 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)**
  - Number of students identified: 128
  - Services offered 2020-2021:
    - 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); Choir (Chamber Choir, musicals, Quad-State Honors Choir, KMEA Competitions)
    - Art – Art I, II, III, & IV
    - Leadership - Student Council, Superintendents’ Student Advisory Council, Youth Service Center, Club and Class Officers
  - Leah Wood (CIA) meets with all GT-identified students for feedback on their GT services
  - Gatton Academy – 1 student attending (senior)
  - Governor’s Scholars – multiple students have applied for summer sessions