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BCAAT

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Kolb—Janel Norfleet
Hampton—Sara Rybak
McAlear—needed
Auburn—needed
Washington—needed

New Teachers to Gifted and Talented

This year we welcome the following teachers to the Gifted and Talented Program:

Auburn

1st grade Stacey DeSanto
2nd grade Karen Hitz
3rd grade Matt Leasure
4th grade Julee Dillon
5th grade Danielle Zieroff

Washington

Accelerated Kindergarten
Cluster Callie Peter
1st grade Lori Bukowski
2nd grade Tiffany DuRussell

McAlear-Sawden

4th grade Stephanie Shay

Hampton

2nd grade Lucy Heinz

Western Middle School

Algebra (8th grade Math)
Charlie LaLonde

Handy Middle School

7th grade Social Studies
Kyrsten Floyd

7th grade Science
Heidi Kokaly

The following teachers are



Elementary Class

Sizes

Kolb—students

Accelerated Kinder	23
1st grade	25
2nd grade	27
3rd grade	26
4th grade	31
5th grade	26

Washington—identified students

Accelerated Kinder	10
1st grade	3
2nd grade	4

Auburn—identified students

1st grade	9
2nd grade	5
3rd grade	10
4th grade	5
5th grade	14

Online Learning

participating in a graduate level course through Moodle to learn more about the gifted and talented learner:

- Stacey DeSanto
- Matt Leasure
- Julee Dillon
- Danielle Zieroff
- Jeff Kyro
- Christina Ode
- Suzanne Billette
- Stephanie Shay
- Callie Peter
- Lori Bukowski
- Tiffany DuRussell

If you are interested in learning more about the course please contact Amy Basket.

McAlear-Sawden—identified

1st grade	6
2nd grade	12
3rd grade	15
4th grade	16

Hampton—identified students

1st grade	11
2nd grade	15
3rd grade	15
4th grade	14
5th grade	12

Middle School Honors

This year the number of qualified students in grade 6th for Western Middle School was such that a 3rd section of Honors was created. Grades 7 and 8 still only have two sections of honor classes. Below is the number of students enrolled in each class.

Western Middle School

6ELA	78
6Math	85
6Science	91
6Social Studies	79

7ELA	63
7Math	64
7Science	65
7Social Studies	65
English 9	63
Algebra	62
Earth Science	65
American History	63

Handy Middle School

6ELA	55
6Math	50
6Science	58
6Social Studies	59
7ELA	47
7Math	47
7Science	46
7Social Studies	44
English 9	46
Algebra	36
Earth Science	48
American History	51



Education is what remains after one has forgotten what has been learned in school.



Washington Accelerated Kindergarten

The Washington AK classroom will be considered a cluster classroom. At the present time we have 10 identified students in the room. The balance of the classroom will be comprised of general education students.

Parent Organization—BCAAT

This parent group is a non-profit organization founded to support the Elementary Gifted and Talented program.

Currently the BCAAT organization holds two fundraisers to support enrichment activities in the gifted and talented classrooms. The enrichment activities include but are not limited to:

- Field Trips
- Speakers
- Other various materials

The BCAAT Organization is also working to:

- Create a network of contacts within the Gifted and Talented student families to serve as support for one another.
- Supporting families by providing information regarding raising and advocating for gifted students.
- Provide an organized voice for the members of the BCAAT organization as we strive to meet the needs of the gifted and talented in the Bay City Public Schools.

Membership to the BCAAT organization is open to:

- All parents and legal guardians of those students enrolled in the Gifted and Talented Programs
- Bay City Public School Teachers assigned to teaching in the Gifted and Talented Program
- Elementary School Administrators at Kolb, Hampton, McAlear-Sawden, Auburn, and Washington
- Director of the Gifted & Talented Program

Associate Membership is open to any other interested party.

Please watch the GT website for dates of upcoming meetings.