Vansville Elementary is a TRC school, “TAG in the Regular Classroom”. This means that Talented And Gifted (TAG)-identified students will receive services through the classroom teacher. TAG students are cluster-grouped with at least 6 other TAG-identified Students. We provide differentiated instructional strategies in the heterogeneous classroom which include...

- curriculum compacting
- tiered assignments
- flexible grouping
- independent study
- acceleration opportunities
- learning/interest centers
- enrichment clusters

Students also have the opportunity to take part in guided independent studies and are given advanced research opportunities. Teachers with gifted students in their classroom will provide instruction and activities reflecting multiple intelligences and learning styles.

My role as TAG Coordinator consists of two major components: identification of talented and gifted students and a resource to teachers, parents, and students. The TAG Program is for second through eighth grade. Universal testing is done in first and third grade in order to give every student the opportunity to be identified as TAG. These tests, along with grades, teacher and parent checklists, and achievement tests are compiled together in a matrix to determine which students qualify as TAG.

Pre-K through 1st grade are not considered TAG grades. However, differentiation occurs by:
- Differentiated small groups for reading and math
- Center activities for higher order thinking
- Higher order questioning techniques
- Author studies
- Scientific investigations

2nd through 5th grade TAG students receive differentiation by:
- Higher Order Questioning techniques
- Center opportunities which target analysis, writing, and research.
- Differentiated reading, spelling, and mathematics instruction based upon meaningful assessments and ability levels
- Flexible grouping across the curriculum
- Literacy Circles/Book Clubs
- Literature Projects
- Integration of multiple intelligences within the curriculum framework
- Technology Integration
- Project-based learning investigations

To learn more about our County’s TAG program please visit: http://www1.pgcps.org/TAG/

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