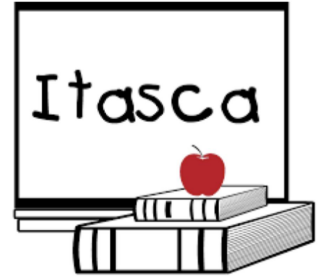


Talent Development Program

Discover, Nurture & Celebrate Talent in all Learners in all Content Areas



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Program Overview Then and Now

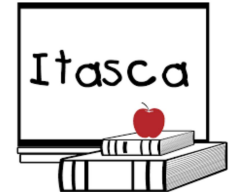
Then (2003)

- TAG (Talented and Gifted)
- Exclusive
- ISAT, OTIS - 3rd & 6th Grade
 - Former testing criteria
- K-2 Extension Activities offered
- Reading & Math

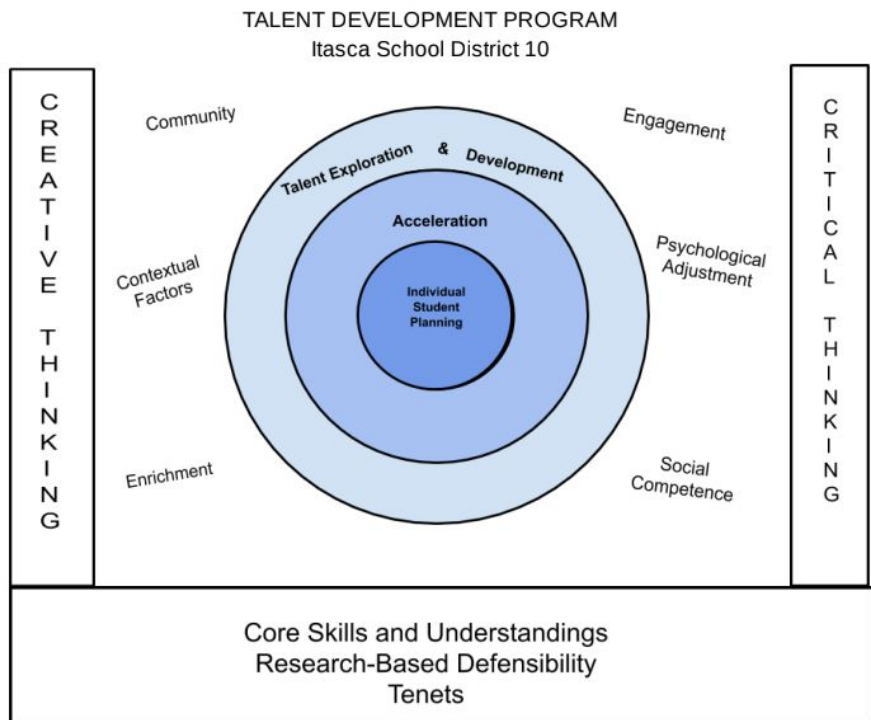
Now (2020)

- Talent Development
- Inclusive
- iReady, Classroom performance, Teacher Rec - Yearly (3rd - 8th)
- K-2 Extension Activities continued
- **Across all contents***

*all core content & specials/encore



New Talent Development



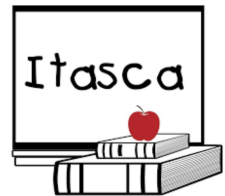
- Classroom-based Differentiation Service
- All Content Areas
 - Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies, Art, Music, Spanish, P.E.
- Acceleration Service
- Individualized Planning Service



What does Differentiation look like?

Differentiation is the match of the curriculum and learning experiences to each learner in a classroom. It can occur many different ways.

- Continuous progress; everyone learns
- Community of learners
- Appropriately challenging learning experiences
- Learning experiences that center on a concept or topic that may be approached from different perspectives based on interests and readiness
- Risk-taking: stretching to learn at higher levels
- Opportunities to use strengths and interests in both learning and demonstrating learning (content, process, product)



Mission Statement

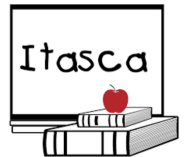
We believe that by **designing programs** intended to **enhance district curriculum** and develop talent, we will foster within high ability learners **individual excellence** through advanced understandings and skills.

By **nurturing and challenging all students to their fullest potential**, we will prepare future leaders and **lifelong learners for an ever-changing world**.

A key mission of Itasca District 10 is to develop the academic abilities and personal attributes of all students across all content areas.

We believe that:

- within our student population are high ability learners
- those who possess either high levels of performance or high levels of potential in a variety of academic areas and/or expressions of talent.

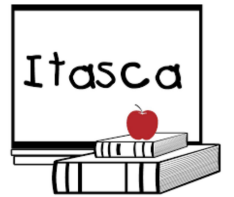


Path to Implementation

- ✓ Parent Focus Groups for Feedback
- ✓ Rebranding/Teacher Collaboration
- ❑ Update criteria for qualification for the program
 - ❑ i-Ready, Classroom performance & Teacher Rec.
- ❑ Informative Parent Nights
- ❑ Professional Development/Training for Teachers
- ❑ Transition during 4th Quarter



Questions?



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