

Welcome to Prairie Middle School's Extended Learning System

We strive to differentiate for our students in process, product, and/or content, as well as design opportunities for our students to experience extension and enrichment in areas of their interests, skills, and/or talents.

Extended Learning Program: ELP

Sometimes called "G/T", students are invited to participate in ELP if they meet a combination of the following criteria:

- fall into roughly the top 3 percent academically in their grade
- meet data requirements with both achievement and cognitive data
- provide narratives from parents and/or teachers and work samples

Curriculum involves Dr. George Betts' Autonomous Learner Model, Systems Thinking, and STELLA software

Contests and Competitions

- Spelling Bee: open to all 6,7,8 grade students
- Geography Bee: open to all 6,7,8 grade students
- Math Counts: open to selected students who participate in Mathcounts sessions
- Knowledge Master Open: open to 6,7,8 ELP
- Quiz Bowl: open to 6,7,8 ELP
- American Mathematics Competition: open to Integrated1 and Algebra students
- Future City Competition: open to selected ELP students
- Chess Club Competition: open to any student who attends Chess Club
- "Write Women Back Into History" Essay Contest: open to 6 grade accelerated language arts
- NCTE Writing Contest: open to selected 8 grade accelerated language arts students
- Job Shadow Essay Contest: open to all 6, 7, 8 grade students



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Accelerated Math and Language Arts

Sections on each team and grade level

Criteria used to determine placement:

Math:

- District Achievement Level Test scores (ALTs)
- Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)
- Math assessment score
- Cognitive Abilities Test scores (CATs, or CogAts)

Language Arts:

- ALT scores in reading and language arts
- ITBS scores in reading and language arts
- CAT, or CogAt scores

Questions?

Contact Lori Danker at 848-5310,
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High School Credit Courses

Grade 7 and 8 Foreign Language:

Assessments used to identify participating students for Spanish I or German I (grade 7), and Spanish I or II and German I or II (grade 8) involve reading, language arts, and math

Students who take foreign language at the middle school should plan on a 4-6 year study of the language

Grade 8 Integrated 1 or Algebra:

Two options for grade 8 students who meet requirements for accelerated math:

- Integrated 1: a cooperative problem-solving approach using a variety of math applications
- Algebra: a first step toward traditional math applications

Whether a student chooses traditional or non-traditional math, all lead to calculus.

All high school credit courses at Prairie Middle School count towards graduation credits, though not the student's long term grade point average (GPA).

Summer Enrichment

- variety of courses
- offered each summer
- 4 weeks beginning in June

All students eligible; buses available
Contact Sue Lala, Success Center/
Summer School Director for details

College for Kids

- classes offered in the areas of academics or art
- all classes at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon
- 2 week sessions in June or July

Students qualify through the Grant Wood Area Education Agency process -- Buses available

Extended Day Opportunities

Opportunities for students to extend and enrich their learning:

- Art Club
- Science Club
- Kaleidoscope
- Memory Book
- Chess Club
- Math Counts

Conducted most Mondays and Thursdays after school -- Buses available