



TAG

River Trail Middle School

How are students placed?

- ▶ Students are placed in 1 to 4 Advanced content courses based on:
 - ▶ Achievement Scores
 - ▶ Academic Performance
 - ▶ Teacher Recommendation
- ▶ 6th graders are placed in classes based on the recommendations from the Elementary School.
- ▶ Social Studies and Science
 - ▶ Teacher recommendation
 - ▶ 80% or better in the content area
 - ▶ Or at 90th percentile or better in Total Reading (ITBS or equivalent normed test)
 - ▶ 90th percentile or better in Social Studies
 - ▶ 90th percentile or better in Science

Math and Language Arts Placements

▶ Math

- ▶ Based on the continuum
- ▶ Teacher Recommendation
- ▶ Placement Test

- ▶ On Level
- ▶ Advanced
- ▶ 7 Accelerated
- ▶ 8 Accelerated (a few students)

- ▶ *These courses are no longer labeled as TAG.*

▶ Language Arts

- ▶ Based on the continuum
- ▶ Teacher Recommendation
- ▶ Placement Test

- ▶ On level
- ▶ 6 Advanced
- ▶ 7 Accelerated

- ▶ *These courses are no longer labeled as TAG.*

Science and Social Studies

- ▶ On Level
- ▶ TAG

- ▶ On Level
- ▶ TAG

Sample Schedule

- ▶ Students are no longer pulled out of classes during the day to receive gifted services.
 - ▶ Students attend a class as a part of their regular schedule.
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| ▶ 1 st Period | TAG Social Studies |
| ▶ 2 nd Period | Language Arts Advanced |
| ▶ 3 rd Period | Science |
| ▶ 4 th Period | Math Level 7 Advanced |
| ▶ 5 th Period | W. L. or Reading |
| ▶ 6 th Period | Connections |
| ▶ 7 th Period | Connections |

Curriculum of Advanced Classes

- ▶ Faster Pace
- ▶ Deeper Knowledge/Higher Order Questioning
- ▶ Higher Expectation
- ▶ Rigorous
- ▶ In Depth Research Processes
- ▶ Self Directed Learning

Characteristics of a Successful TAG Student

- ▶ Organized
- ▶ Time Management
- ▶ Self- Advocates
- ▶ Supports Others
- ▶ Uses Constructive Criticism
- ▶ Collaborates
- ▶ Independent Thinker
- ▶ Asks analytical questions

TAG Probation

- ▶ TAG Probation applies to Science and Social Studies.
- ▶ Students must maintain an 80% or better each semester.
- ▶ Stay in communication with the teacher when needed.
- ▶ For example: Johnny earns a 75% the first semester in TAG Social Studies.
- ▶ He will be placed on probation for the remainder of the year.
- ▶ If he earns an 80% or above for the subsequent marking periods, probation is removed at the end of the year.
- ▶ If he does not earn 80% or above for any of the subsequent, he will be removed from the class the following year.

Math and Language Arts

- ▶ Probation does not apply to Math and Language Arts because it is based on a continuum.
- ▶ However, if a student is not meeting expectations and does not meet the Fulton County requirements, he/she may be removed from the class and placed in a different continuum the following year.

Adding Classes

- ▶ In the spring, the TAG Department conducts annual review.
 - ▶ Students' grades are reviewed in all classes.
 - ▶ Teachers recommend adding an additional class for 7th grade.
 - ▶ Based on achievement in current classes
 - ▶ Fulton County Middle School Placement Guidelines

CLASSES ARE NOT ADDED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING SERVICES.

Questions

- ▶ Contact Information:
- ▶ 6th grade TAG Contact: gannawayk@fultonschools.org
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- ▶ 6th Grade Assistant Principal: ogan@fultonschools.org

- ▶ This information will be posted on the RTMS website for your convenience.