

Middle School Campus Gifted and Talented Service Plan 2011-2012

School:	Alexander Hamilton Middle School	SIO:	Joe Espinoza	Date:	September 15, 2011
Number of GT Students	449				
Goal 1:	By August 2012, enrollment in the Vanguard program will increase to 200 students per grade level.				
Goal 2:	By April 2012, 95% of the students in 8 th grade Vanguard will score at least a level 2 on their Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP) and 5% will score at least a level 3.				

General School Gifted and Talented Design

What does the Gifted and Talented program look like for your campus?

Hamilton Middle School is a Vanguard Magnet campus, operating as a school within a school. Hamilton Vanguard students are homogeneously grouped for all core content areas and integrated with other students for electives.

Curriculum

Who will compact/accelerate the curriculum for GT students on your campus?

All GT certified teachers, teaching Vanguard students, compact/accelerate the curriculum and are supported by GT certified administrators, and the Vanguard/Magnet Coordinator, Mrs. Angela Isart.

Evidence of Differentiation

What evidence will teachers on your campus provide to show that differentiation is occurring for your GT students? How will this be monitored?

Teachers document differentiation through their individual lesson plans. This is monitored by walkthroughs, observations and review of lesson plans as well as student products.

GT Service Options

What activities do you offer GT students that serve as additional service options (i.e. UIL, OM, etc.)?

Hamilton students have the opportunity to enter into academics as well as extra-curricular based competitions that help to extend or allow G/T students to express their individuality: Science and History Fairs, Name that Book, Odyssey of the Mind, UIL One Act Play, creative writing and art contests.

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Rubrics and Monitoring

What is your plan for using the TPSP rubric and monitoring GT work on your campus?

The TPSP rubrics are introduced to our students in 6th grade, and then utilized throughout their experience at Hamilton. Projects such as group work or whole class study and research, are introduced to our 6th and 7th grade students, culminating in the individual project for 8th grade students. TPSP products will be featured at the Hamilton TPSP EXPO held on April 4, 2012, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

TPSP

How will your campus implement TPSP?

Hamilton Vanguard implements the strategies and skills in 6th grade through language arts and world culture studies classes. The 7th grade classes implement TPSP strategies and skills through all content areas. In 8th grade, TPSP strategies and skills are taught primarily through the English Language Arts classes.

Campus Wide Research Model

What campus wide research model will your campus adopt and how will teachers and students learn it?

Hamilton is adopting the Independent Investigation Method (IIM). All teachers will be trained on November 9, 2011. All Hamilton students will learn this process primarily through their language arts teachers and supported through all content areas.

Identifying GT Students and Equity

How will you ensure that students have equitable access to GT services and that your GT program reflects the demographic makeup of your campus community?

We ensure equitable access through a recruitment process at feeder elementary schools and throughout the Houston community. We offer GT identification testing to all interested students on campus.

Signatures and Date

Principal Signature		
SDMC Representative Signature		
Parent Signature		

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Please note: This plan must be written and presented to your community by September 30, 2011. It is due to the Middle School's Office by 3:00pm on September 30, 2011.