



## ABINGDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Project GIFT, Gaining Instruction, Fostering Talent*

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Abingdon's instructional program is consistent with the Arlington Public Schools goal to teach all students a broad body of knowledge, effective communication skills, a rational system of thought, and to use their creativity. Our instructional program is unique in its design by the emphasis on personalizing instruction to the individual, music instruction for all students, a broad array of after-school enrichment activities and a collaborative model among staff for instruction.

Project GIFT, Gaining Instruction, Fostering Talents, provides the school focus for Abingdon to increase student achievement and community engagement by implementing instructional practices guided by the framework of Multiple Intelligences Theory.

Multiple Intelligences Theory was articulated by Howard Gardner in 1983. The theory is a description of how human intelligence is organized. Gardner has identified at least eight intelligences including linguistic, mathematical-logical, bodily kinesthetic, musical, visual-spatial, naturalist, interpersonal and intrapersonal. This theory supports Abingdon's primary objective to ensure that all children experience academic achievement.

### GOALS

- Through school curriculum design, ensure that every student participates successfully in a rich and rigorous curriculum.
- School staff will build knowledge of ways to achieve success in the classroom by balancing content, pedagogy and relationships.
- Increase student achievement as measured by SOL assessment results.

### INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Kennedy Center's Changing Education Through the Arts Program (CETA) provides three Kennedy Center arts coaches.
- Architecture & communications classes, all Pre-K-5
- Video Journalism
- Math Lab and math resource teacher
- Science Lab, all Pre-K-5
- Orff Music Instruction, K-5
- Recorder (grade 3) and Suzuki Violin (grade 4) instruction
- Instrumental music instruction, grade 5
- School Yard Gardening Project
- History Alive! Program
- Emphasis on interdisciplinary units
- TESA (Teacher Expectations-Student Achievement) Program
- Living Histories classes
- Tech crew classes

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Solo and ensemble performance awards
- National Board Certified teachers
- Presentations at state conferences
- "Shortie" award for 4th grade claymation video
- Grant winners
- Making Annual Yearly Progress (AYP)

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Cardinal Club: service club for grades 1 – 5
- Band, Chorus, Orchestra
- After-school and SOL enrichment classes
- School-wide arts performances
- Cultural celebrations
- Book Fair, Fall Festival
- African Drumming Club
- Math Night, Market Day, Spirit days
- Cardinal News Network
- Girls on the Run, Let's Go Club
- Dance, Homework, Naturalist, Violin & YES clubs

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Board advisory groups
- Chat & Coffee with parents
- After-school enrichment
- Parent workshops
- Library, Movie & Wheel nights
- Title I Reading Night
- Family Night at Air and Space Museum
- PESA (Parent Expectations-Student Achievement)
- Tutoring
- Classroom helpers, field trip chaperones