



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back! We are off to another great school year here at Fort Collins High School! We want to start the year off academically strong while supporting the social/emotional needs of our students. You are receiving this letter as your son, or daughter, has been identified through the district identification process as Gifted and Talented.

According to the guidelines set forth by the state of Colorado and the Poudre School District, your child qualifies for an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP). All students identified as Gifted and Talented will have an updated ALP each school year. The purpose of the ALP is to “provide a written record of gifted and talented programming utilized with each gifted child and considered in educational decision-making.”

Each year, parents will receive information about their child’s ALP in the fall and spring. I would like to share with you the process for writing and communicating Advanced Learning Plans at Fort Collins High School. Your child’s ALP will correlate with his/her level of instruction. If your child is identified as GT in math, then achieving at an advanced level in the accelerated course he/she is enrolled in will meet their ALP goals. If your child is identified GT in language arts, then achieving at an advanced level in a Pre-AP or AP class will meet the ALP goal. Students will be invited to attend a Naviance session during an ELO time (Thursdays 7:30-8:00 a.m.) for each grade level to enter their ALP. Students will be notified of these times as we get sessions scheduled.

Occasionally, a student would like to develop an ALP that includes a project or independent study. If this is the case, a plan must be discussed with the subject teacher involved and needs to be incorporated into an existing class assignment. For example, a GT Language Arts student might really want to write a book of poetry that could take the place of another creative writing assignment. A GT math student might want to develop a game of chance and analyze all the probable outcomes that could take the place of another assignment. **Both of these ideas would need to be decided on in consultation with the appropriate teacher, including how, and when the work would be accomplished.**

The purpose of this communication is to include parents in the ALP process. You are welcome to provide feedback at any point during the process, as well as collaborate with classroom teachers and/or the GT Site Coordinator as decisions are made regarding your student’s educational experience at Fort Collins High School.

For more information about ALPs, parent education and networking opportunities, and other GT topics, you can visit the PSD Gifted and Talented Website:

<http://www.psdschools.org/academics/curriculum-subject-areas/gifted-and-talented>

If you have any questions, please contact me here at Fort Collins High School.

Sincerely,

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