

EXCEL

Curriculum:

The MSD Warren Township EXCEL program ensures that all EXCEL students master the required curriculum as determined by the state of Indiana and MSD Warren Township. An emphasis on interdisciplinary curriculum is the focus of the full-time classrooms. A pyramid of skills forms the basis for curriculum objectives.

At the base of the pyramid are the basic skills needed by every student. These skills are accelerated for EXCEL students.

The midsection of the pyramid focuses on “basic skills for gifted students” which include an emphasis on higher order thinking skills, critical and creative reasoning, and problem- based learning.

At the top of the pyramid are enrichment objectives which are facilitated through differentiated curriculum opportunities.



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Program



Mission Statement:

The EXCEL Program is designed to meet the unique academic and affective needs of highly talented students through a cooperative, enriched, and accelerated academic program where each person feels significant and appreciated.



Excel Program

Excel Criteria and Selection Process



For Grades 2 – 9

Students are identified and placed in a Talent Pool based on specific criteria.

Excel Identification

Grade 2

- NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) score 85% or higher in Reading or Math
- CogAT Ability Test
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Recommendation

Grades 3 - 6

- NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) score 85% or higher in Language Arts, Reading or Math
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Recommendation

Grades 7 – 9

- NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) score 85% or higher in Language Arts, Reading or Math
- Teacher Recommendation
- Parent Recommendation

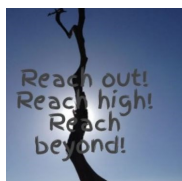
Note: A screening committee selects students from the ranked Talent Pool for entrance into the EXCEL Program based on rank order and space availability. Current 6th and 8th grade students are not guaranteed placement in 7th and 9th grade. All other students continue in the program, unless an exit conference occurs.

Levels of Instruction

Elementary & Intermediate Academy Services

The Elementary and Intermediate Academy Excel Program is a magnet program consisting of self-contained classrooms at three elementary schools and at each Intermediate Academy in grades 2 through 6. Transportation is provided from feeder schools via a shuttle system.

Middle School Services



EXCEL classes are offered at all middle schools to students in grades 7-8 in the following four content areas: English, math, science, and social studies. Students are selected for individual class offerings. This allows for more students to participate in the program and develop personal academic strengths.

Students in grades 7 and 8 may be invited to participate in the Midwest Academic Talent Search sponsored by Northwestern University.

High School Services

EXCEL classes are offered to qualifying students in grade 9 & 10 in English, math, science, and social studies. Advanced Placement classes and dual credit classes in English, math, science, social studies, fine arts, and world languages are available for students who meet course-specific prerequisites in grades 11 & 12 .

Excel Program Expectation

Elementary

Brookview - Lakeside - Lowell

Intermediate and Middle School

Creston - Raymond Park - Stonybrook

Warren Central High School

Each of the above schools offer classes for high ability students. Students are selected for the EXCEL classes based upon state and district criteria which may include achievement test scores, student ability, parent recommendation, and teacher recommendation.

Expectations of the EXCEL Program

- ◇ Students are challenged to grow in the academic and effective areas.
- ◇ Open communication provides parents with an understanding of their child's progress in the program. Parents are encouraged to be a participant in the learning process.
- ◇ Curriculum is appropriately accelerated and differentiated to meet the learning needs of the academically talented student.

Expectations of the Students and Parents

- ◇ The curriculum in Excel is differentiated and faster paced. Basic skills are mastered and deeper learning is emphasized. Students may work above grade level.
- ◇ Excel students are expected to complete challenging short and long-term projects both at home and at school.
- ◇ Homework is an expectation of Excel students.
- ◇ Parental support in and out of school is necessary for the successful educational development of the Excel student.
- ◇ Peer interactions and activities are age appropriate.

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Proceso de Criterios y Selección

Para Grados 2 – 9

Declaración de Objetivos: El programa de Excel está designado para cumplir las exclusivas necesidades académicas y necesidades emocionales de estudiantes altamente dotados a través de un cooperativo, enriquecido, y acelerado programa académico, donde cada persona se siente notable y apreciado.

Los estudiantes son identificados y colocados en un grupo según sus talentos basado en un criterio específico.

Grado 2

Identificación de Excel

- NWEA (Asociación de Evaluación Northwest) con un porcentaje de 85% ó más alto en Lectura y Matemáticas
- Evaluación de Lectura/ Exámen CogAT
- Recomendación del Maestro (a)
- Recomendación de los Padres

Grados 3-6

Identificación Excel

- NWEA (Asociación de Evaluación Nothwest) con un porcentaje de 85% ó más en Artes y Letras del Leguaje Inglés, Lectura y Matemáticas
- Recomendación del Maestra (o)
- Recomendación de los Padres de Familia

Grados 7-9

Identificación Excel

- NWEA (Asociación de Evaluación Northwest) con un porcentaje de 85% ó más en Artes y Letras del Leguaje Inglés, Lectura y Matemáticas
- Recomendación del Maestra (o)
- Recomendación de los Padres de Familia

Nota:

Un comité de evaluación seleccionará de un grupo a los estudiantes con talento para participar en el Programa EXCEL basado en orden de prioridad y cupo disponible. Los estudiantes de los grados vigentes de sexto (6) y octavo (8) no se les garantiza un lugar en el séptimo (7) y noveno (9) grado. Todos los demás estudiantes continúan en el programa Excel a menos que se efectúe una conferencia de despido del programa.

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Expectativas del Programa de Excel

Las escuelas de secundaria Creston, Raymond Park, Stonybrook, y Central High School ofrecen clases para estudiantes de alto rendimiento y habilidades. Los estudiantes para participar en el programa de Excel son seleccionados de acuerdo a los criterios del estado y distrito, los cuales pueden incluir los porcentajes obtenidos en los exámenes de hazañas, aptitud, progreso del estudiante, recomendación de los padres y recomendación del Maestro (a).

Expectativas del Programa de Excel

- Los estudiantes son desafiados para su crecimiento académico y emocional.
- Una comunicación abierta provee a los padres de un entendimiento acerca del progreso logrado por su hijo (a) en el programa. A los padres se les anima a participar en el proceso de aprendizaje.
- El curriculum es apropiadamente acelerado y diferenciado para satisfacer las necesidades de aprendizaje académico del estudiante.
- Un ambiente seguro y educativo es proveído a cada estudiante.

Expectativas de los Padres y estudiantes

- El curriculum en el programa de Excel es diferenciado y más rápido. Las habilidades básicas son dominadas. Los estudiantes pueden trabajar a un nivel más alto que el nivel normal.
- Se espera que los estudiantes de Excel completen los proyectos desafiantes de corto y largo plazo tanto en el hogar como en la escuela.
- Tareas extensivas son una expectativa segura de los estudiantes en el programa de Excel.
- Notas menos de una **“B”** resultarán en un período de prueba académico lo que puede resultar en la recolocación del estudiante.
- El apoyo de los padres es indispensable para el desarrollo y éxito educacional del estudiante.
- La interacción entre compañeros es apropiada de acuerdo a la edad.
- Un compromiso de un año es exigido en este programa.