



ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Gifted and Talented Services:

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Advanced Learning Lab (A.L.L.) Programs

Important Testing Information

For Placement in the 2012-2013 School Year

Dear Alpine School District Parents/Guardians:

Various programs are necessary to meet the diverse needs of academically advanced students. In order to address some of these needs, Alpine School District has established elementary classes at an advanced level for third through sixth grade called A.L.L. **The fifth and sixth grade Advanced Learning Labs (A.L.L.s) are located in ten different elementary schools and the third and fourth are located at only four of those elementary schools.** (See the website for magnet site information at www.alpineschools.org.)

The purpose of this letter is to inform all parents/guardians of second through sixth graders about the opportunity to test for placement consideration in an A.L.L. program. Qualifying students will be offered placement and invited to meet with the teacher to learn more about specific magnet site offerings. The identified students and their parents/guardians will then make the final decision to accept or decline placement.

POSSIBLE INDICATORS TO CONSIDER PRIOR TO HAVING A STUDENT TESTED:

- The student's Utah State Core CRT test scores are a 4 in Language Arts, Math and Science.
- The student is reading at two or more grade levels above current grade.
- The current classroom teacher has suggested during a Parent/ Teacher Conference that the student could benefit from a more complex or in-depth curriculum as offered in a gifted program.
- The student learns quickly, recalls information effortlessly, is curious, self-motivated, works independently and typically remains committed to a task until its completion.
- The student exhibits satisfactory to outstanding citizenship in both attitude and behavior.

ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION TO CONSIDER:

- The A.L.L. candidates must qualify for the program through a series of evaluations. The top students are offered placement, and an additional four to six become alternates in a "candidate pool."
- A.L.L. students will have assignments/homework that are greater in depth, breadth and complexity than in a regular class.

If you feel that your child could benefit from placement in an Advanced Learning Lab (A.L.L.) and you would like to begin the consideration process start by registering them at: www.alpineschools.org, go to Departments, then to Educational Services, then to Gifted Services and then Online Registration.

The application will be online from September 6 - October 28.

Please take time to find your child's ASD student number (example 947312). It is vitally important in the testing process. A 5555555 number may be used ONLY for those students NOT in the district. This number should be sent with the child to testing as well for labeling purposes.)

Testing will be:

November 5 at Forbes Elementary, 281 N 200 E, American Fork, UT

November 12 at Foothill Elementary, 921 N 1240 E, Orem, UT

November 19 at Hidden Hollow, 2546 E Pony Express Pkwy, Eagle Mtn., UT

The testing on these SATURDAYS will occur from 7:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-4:30 p.m. Please arrive early. The A. L. L. classes will be filled by February. No extra testing will be available unless classes do not fill. PLEASE HAVE STUDENTS TEST AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.