

BENEFITS TO ENGAGING
IN ADVANCED
COURSEWORK

- Nurtures talents/abilities
- Builds a sense of confidence
- Creates a community of high achievers
- Develops responsibility
- Encourages safe risk-taking
- Develops skills for lifelong learning
- Prepares students to be successful with academic rigor (such as college)
- Increases knowledge and achievement (may increase standardized test scores such as ACT and SAT)

Services Include:

- *Screening for All Students (6th–11th grade)*
- *Pre-AP Courses*
- *Accelerated Progression through Mathematics*
- *Advanced Placement (AP) Courses*
- *Advanced-Level Language Courses*
- *Dual Enrollment in College*
- *Mississippi Virtual Public School*
- *After School Enrichment*
- *AP Exam Prep*
- *ACT/SAT Prep*

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ADVANCED
LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES
GRADES 6-12

LOWNDES
COUNTY
SCHOOL
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Lowndes County
School District
Mission Statement

Challenge all
students to attain
their greatest
potential.

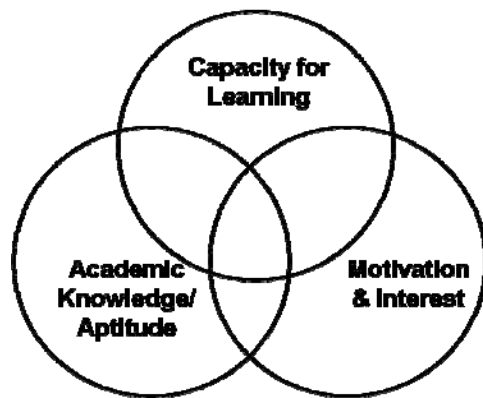
OBJECTIVES OF ADVANCED CLASSES

“Magic happens when we get highly qualified teachers who love their subjects together with academically gifted students.”

-Laurence Coleman

Academic Giftedness

Academic giftedness is defined as exceptional ability in one or more content areas or disciplines. Students who possess academic knowledge/apptitude, motivation, interest, and a strong capacity for learning are ideal candidates for advanced learning opportunities.



- Development of higher order thinking skills (analysis, synthesis, and evaluation) in the pertinent academic area
- Development of critical thinking skills
- Allowance for in-depth learning of selected topics
- Development of research methods specific to the academic area
- Focus on open-ended tasks
- Concentration on more complex tasks and abstraction
- Development of more sophisticated products

What advanced classes are available?

Advanced classes are offered in grades 7-12 to challenge students to exceed the learning outcomes of the regular curriculum. In middle school, students have the opportunity for accelerated English and an advanced progression through mathematics. In high school, the following options are available: accelerated courses are offered in each subject area, Advanced Placement courses, advanced level foreign language courses, dual enrollment through local colleges and universities, and online classes through the Mississippi Virtual Public School.

What the Research Says...

According to the National Association for Gifted Children, research shows that students at all achievement levels benefit from cluster grouping and other forms of instructional grouping. Achievement substantially increases when gifted students are grouped together for accelerated learning. With regards to Advanced Placement (AP) courses, the research shows that taking at least one AP course dramatically increases a student's chance of obtaining a bachelor's degree.

- Students who have not taken an AP course have a 33% chance of obtaining a degree.
- Students who have taken one AP course have a 59% chance of obtaining a degree.
- Students who have completed two or more AP courses have a 76% chance of earning a degree.

Teachers of AP courses undergo a specialized training and certification process. AP courses allow students to earn college credit while still in high school.