

AAP Frequently Asked Questions- Overview

1. Are there full classes in each grade that are AAP only, and have AAP teachers full time? (e.g., whole classroom is AAP like centers)
At this time, Fox Mill uses a cluster grouping model. There are no classes that have only level IV eligible students. Teachers are trained and receive continuous training in the Advanced Academic curriculum teaching models and strategies to deliver that instruction to all students.
2. Was a screening performed for kindergarteners last year?
Each year a local committee screens all students in grades K-6 for possible participation in advanced academic services. This whole school screening takes place in the spring.
3. Are the full time Elementary AP programs exclusive of the DLIP (Japanese)?**Students in the Japanese Immersion Program at Fox Mill in grades 3, 4, and 5 who are eligible for the full time AAP Program receive those services in Japanese.**
4. Where can I find the referral form and details for second grade students?
Referral Forms for all AAP services can be found at this link:
<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/advanced-academic-programs-aap/advanced-academic-program-aap-forms>
5. If we did not receive a letter the year before, can we submit a referral for 1st and 2nd graders?
You may submit a referral for any student in grades K-6. Only students in grades 3-6 are eligible for level III and IV services.
6. What does the central screening committee for level 4 AAP look for in terms of application outside of good scores on the state tests and classroom assessments?**You may read about the central screening process at this link:**
<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/advanced-academic-programs-aap/holistic-case-study-approach>
7. Can a teacher recommend a level?
Yes, a teacher can recommend a level based on their knowledge of the student. This is most commonly done during the local school spring screening process.
8. At the bottom of the referral form, there is a field labeled Signature of Referral Source, what's expected in this field?
The person making the referral signs the referral. This is normally the parent but may occasionally be the teacher or the student.
9. When is the referral form for Level IV due? Do Levels 3 and 4 forms have due dates?
Referrals for AAP level IV screening will be collected between August 22 (the first day of school) through December 15, 2022. Referral forms may be dropped off at the local school or emailed (preferred) as a PDF to the Advanced Academic Resource Teacher (AART). Referrals for level III may be submitted at any time during the school year for grades 3-6.

10. If a Level 2 form was submitted in First Grade, are parents to resubmit a form for Level IV services in Second Grade?
Yes, parents need to submit a level IV form to be considered for full-time services.
11. If a parent does not apply for a referral this fall, will students still have access to level 3 or 4 by teacher's recommendation like level 2?
Once a student has been identified to receive level III or IV services, that eligibility remains, and a referral does not need to be submitted again. Level II services are reevaluated from year to year.
12. Are parents required to submit examples of student work with the Level IV referral form? Or is that optional? Does the work have to be from the current academic year?
Please see the Level IV referral requirements at this link:
<https://www.fcps.edu/registration/advanced-academics-identification-and-placement/current-fcps-students>
13. What is the timeline for K-2 evaluations?
Each year a local committee screens all students in grades K-6 for possible level II/III participation in advanced academic services. This whole school screening takes place in the spring.
14. What grade does Level IV start?
Full-time level IV services begin in 3rd grade.
15. Are there differentiation Level 3 materials for Science or Social Studies?
Students identified by a local school screening committee for advanced academic services (level III) are challenged through models and strategies designed to extend and enrich the POS in the four core subject areas.
16. Are parents informed if their K-2 grader should get a certain level of AAP learning, and when would that start?
Parents of eligible students are informed via permission letters. If a student is identified during the year, AAP services start immediately upon receiving parental permission. If a student is identified during the spring screening cycle, AAP services start the following school year.
17. What are the dates for CogAT testing this fall?
Testing windows for all abilities tests can be found at this link:
<https://www.fcps.edu/registration/advanced-academics-identification-and-placement/current-fcps-students/testing-and>
18. Are students pulled out of class weekly for level 3 services? Is that during a set time during the week or does it rotate?
Students in grade 6 are pulled out for one hour each week for part-time services with the AART. The day and time is the same each week. Due to the clustering model used in grades 3, 4 and 5 as a Local Level IV school, students receive their level III services in the classroom.