

ALERT

Active Learning Experiences in Research and Thinking
Nixa Public Schools' Program for the Academically Gifted

PHILOSOPHY

Nixa Public Schools (NPS), in accordance with the Missouri Department of Education Guidelines and district policies, is committed to an educational program that recognizes the unique values, needs, and talents of each individual student. NPS recognizes that academically gifted students possess extraordinary abilities to think creatively and critically, and that their cognitive and affective needs can best be met by provision of a differentiated learning environment. Such an environment will allow gifted students regular opportunities to interact with, and be stimulated by, their intellectual peers without being completely isolated from the regular school program. NPS Gifted Program (ALERT) is intended for academically gifted students, and is designed to meet the the special needs of the students who qualify for the program. It is based upon a continued commitment to foster the development of each gifted student's potential by providing acceleration and enrichment through a qualitatively different environment.