

APLUS Learning Center's Mathematics & Humanities Program For Highly Gifted Youth



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Fee Schedule for 2019 Fall Semester

Grade 4 Math & Humanities:	\$1450
Grade 5 Math & Humanities:	\$1450
Grade 6 Math & Humanities:	\$1650
Grade 7 Math & Humanities:	\$1650

2019 Fall Application Timeline:

- **6/01/2019:** Admission test 09:00-12:00pm. The test is free of charge. **Must call or email to register in advance @301-838-9668 or aplusmd@gmail.com**
- **6/10/2019:** Complete application form and mail in by together with the following documentation:
 - √ Grade Report
 - √ Copy of standardized test, *when available*, including CogAT, Terra Nova, SCAT, MAP-M and MAP-R
- **6/21–7/01/2019:** Admission results and notice sent out
- **7/08/2019:** *Pay tuition fee by this date for Early Bird Discount (\$70)
- **7/26/2019:** Tuition Due
- **8/27/2019:** Admitted Students and Parents open House
- **9/7/2019:** Class Starts

**In 2019-2020 school year, we will have a limited number of need-based scholarships available. For more details, please contact us.*

GT & Former Magnet Faculty

- Ms. Ashley Moss-Pham, Program Director*
- Mr. Jesse L. March, GT/LD Specialist*

**Faculty biographies posted on APLUS website*

APLUS follows Maryland State Department of Education Guidelines in the hiring of GT Faculty :

- Evidence of specific training in gifted education;
- Successful teaching experience;
- Genuine interest in and desire to work with gifted and talented students;

Rationale, Purpose & Audience

- √ To provide a **supplemental alternative** to district programming for Highly Gifted rising 4th and 6th grade students* which may no longer be as accessible to many due to recent changes in screening and selection
- √ To provide parents of highly gifted youth with an educational service that is more **cost effective** than a private school education while conferring some of the same academic benefits

**Grade 8 will be added in the Fall of 2020*

The Highly Gifted Child

- √ Frequently experiences **boredom** in classrooms in which curricula, instructional methods and pacing are geared for on-grade level students
- √ Often a **polymath** – i.e., equally interested and talented in math and humanities
- √ Shares **social and emotional** characteristics as well as intellectual ones with their highly gifted counterparts
- √ Frequently experiences a sense of **isolation** from peers in a typical academic or social setting
- √ In sum, in order to thrive academically, socially and emotionally, highly gifted children need **each other** almost as much as they need teachers who understand how to teach them

Mathematics Program

- √ **Problem-centered** approach using a variety of materials to enrich student understanding and enjoyment of mathematics
- √ APLUS GT math curriculum will go **beyond Common Core** standards;
- √ Students will also be encouraged to **take part in AMC Math** Competition

Humanities Program

- √ **William & Mary Language Arts Curriculum** * Award-winning, 2016 and 2017
- √ **Vocabulary from Classical Roots** – a program for vocabulary acquisition focused on Greek and Latin roots that is useful in unlocking thousands of unfamiliar words in English, as well as reinforcing study of French and/or Spanish
- √ **Interdisciplinary strands** drawn from the fields of art, philosophy, film/media studies, oratory performance and primary source interpretation and analysis

Class Format & Homework Policies

- √ Classes held from 9:00-12:00 Saturdays for sixteen (16) weeks per semester
- √ Each class comprised of 1.5 hours of Math and 1.5 hours of Humanities
- √ Homework assigned weekly, but judiciously, with work that is meaningful and relevant to supporting a highly gifted curriculum