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# WCPSS

## 3rd Grade Explorers



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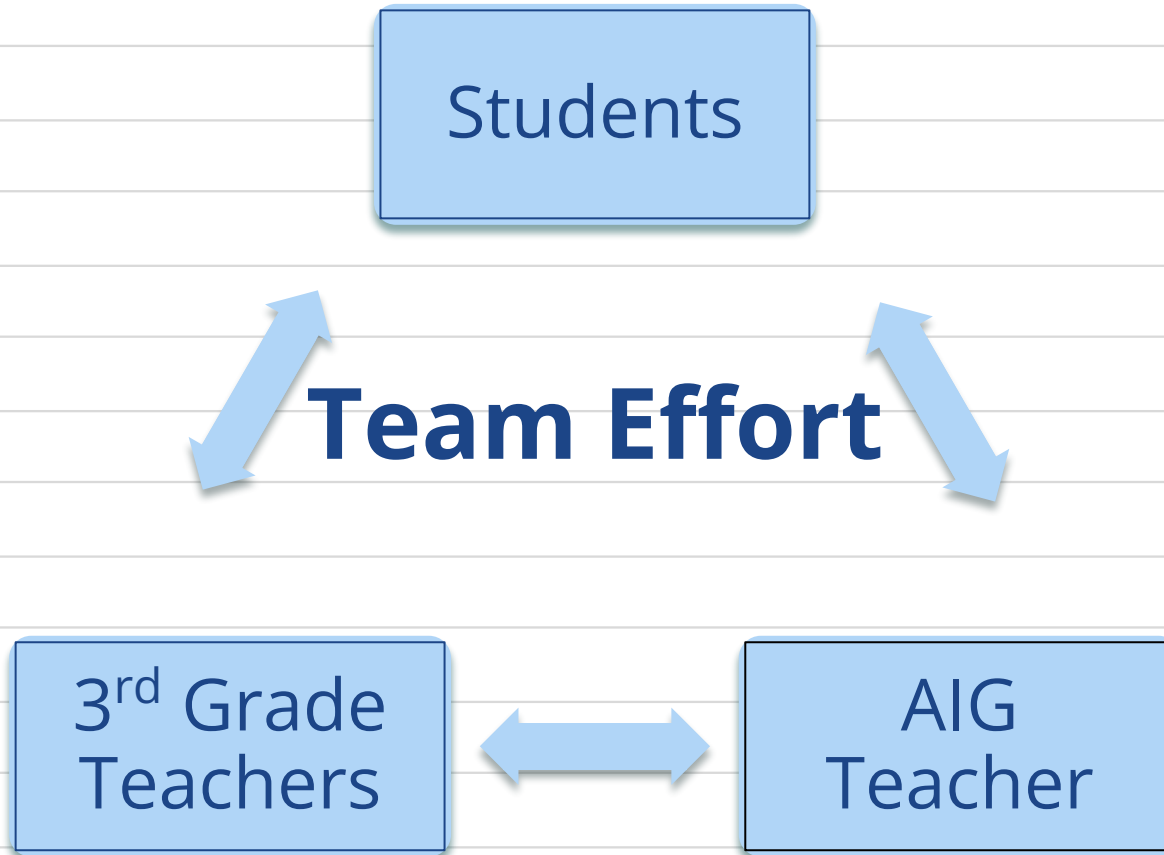
# Wake County Schools' Vision for the local AIG Plan



All Wake County Public School System  
students will be prepared to reach their  
full potential and lead productive lives in  
a complex and changing world.

*~from the 2019-2022 WCPSS AIG Plan*

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## Whole Group Experiences

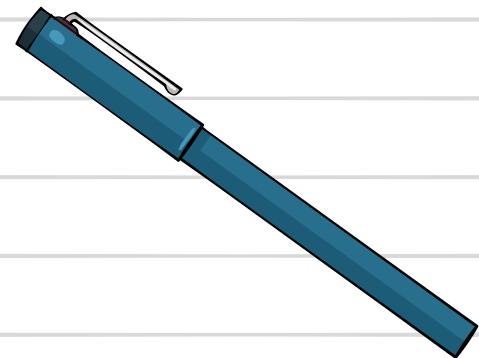
The AIG teacher works in partnership with 3rd grade classroom teachers to serve as talent scouts, in order to provide a variety of in-class experiences designed to elicit high academic performance.

### **What is a Talent Scout?**

An AIG teacher who searches for students who have academic gifts and challenges that are not being met in the regular classroom setting

## Small Group Experiences

Students who demonstrate high potential in the activities will receive enrichment/ extension activities in language arts and/or math under the guidance of the AIG teacher.





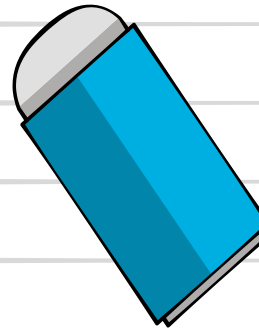
# Explorers Classes

- ▶ Whole class introductory lessons in the fall semester in each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom
- ▶ Units of study include reading/language arts, math, and writing aligned with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade NC State Standards
- ▶ Observations of student performance and products
- ▶ Small group enrichment activities facilitated by the AIG teacher based on classroom teacher and AIG teacher observations



# Criteria for Small Group Participation

- ▶ Observational checklists by the AIG and classroom teachers
- ▶ Rubrics for the products
- ▶ Student communication skills
- ▶ Student interest
- ▶ Student motivation



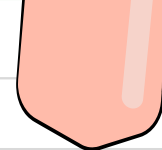
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Groups are flexible as the units of study change. Participation in a small group experience does not mean that a student has been or will be identified for future AIG services.

# Process

## AIG Timeline



### First Semester

- Collaborative planning with Third Grade Teachers
- CogAT Exposure for all third grade with AIG Teacher
- CogAT Screening will take place
- Whole Class Instruction with AIG Teacher
- Small group instruction with AIG teacher
- Groups are fluid and flexible
- Participation in small group doesn't identify students

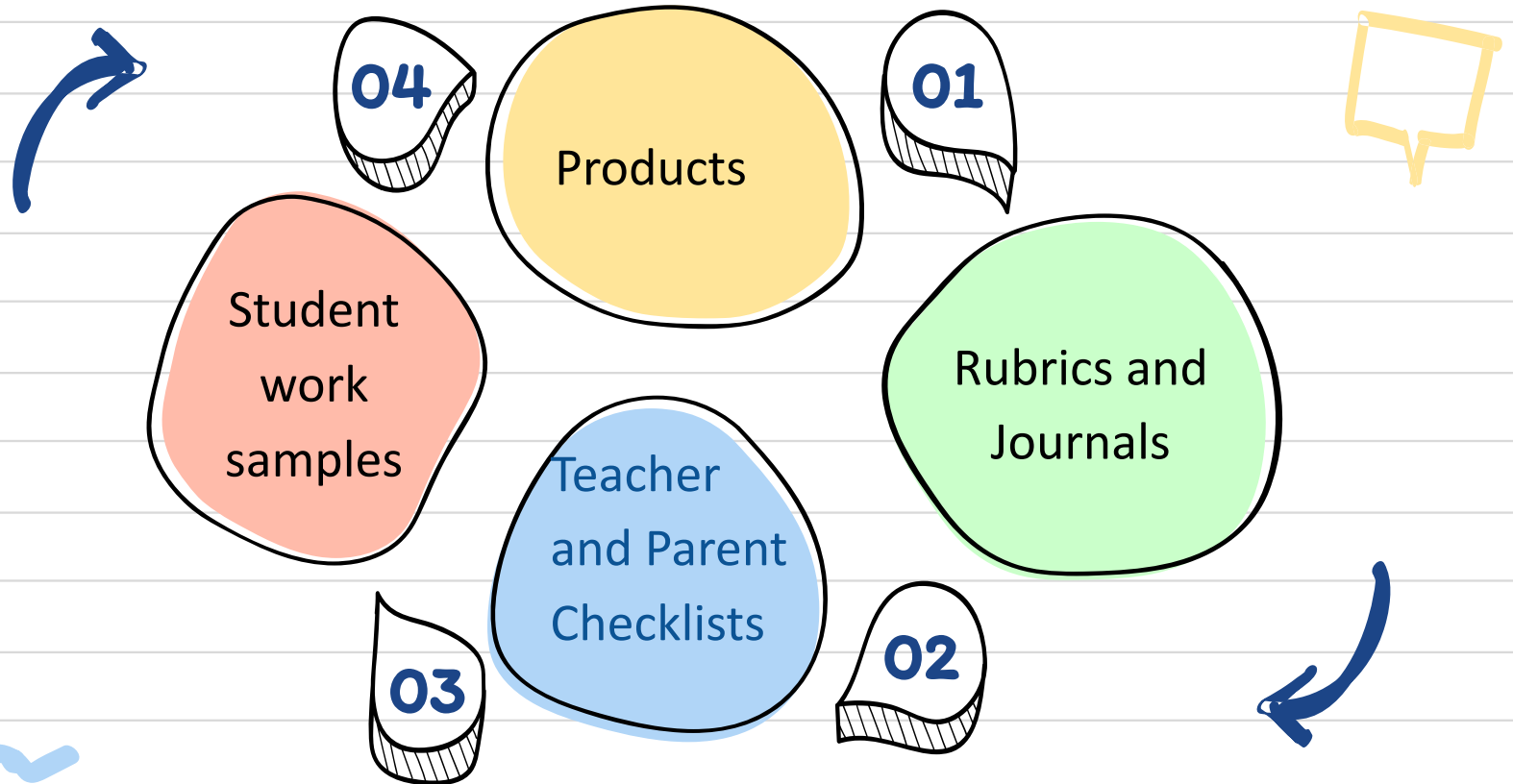


### Second Semester

- Students may qualify for AIG services based on screening results (CogAT & Iowa)
- For students that demonstrate gifts/talents outside of standardized testing:
  - Students may be nominated for portfolio review
  - Portfolio data collection requires multiple points of data
  - SBCGE reviews this data for referral and/or identification decisions
- AIG Services will begin for students that qualify (during 4th quarter)
  - If a student is referred but not identified, they are served in Talent Development
  - Talent Development students are served with AIG students



# Portfolios



Portfolios will be part of the AIG identification process for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.



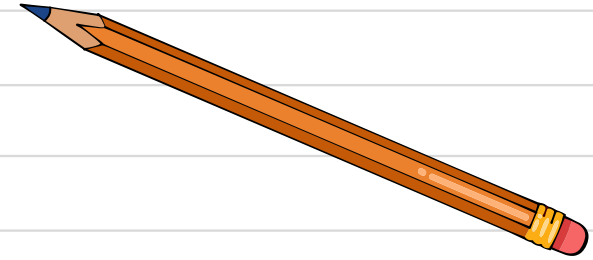
# Keeping You Informed.....


## District Based Information:

- WCPSS Advanced Learning Services Site
- WCPSS [AIG Program Brochure](#)
- WCPSS [AIG Program Brochure](#) (Spanish)

## School Based Information:

- Parent informational meetings
- School newsletters
- School/ AIG teacher website
- Email for questions and answers





Our goal is to support  
classrooms with educators  
working together  
to help each student grow and  
develop to their full potential.

*~ AIG Plan goal for Explorers*