

# What is the Difference between an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) in a Neighborhood School Classroom and a Gifted and Talented Center Classroom?



## What is an Advanced Learning Plan (ALP)?

The Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) is a legal document [22-20-R-12.00, C.R.S.] outlining programming for identified gifted and talented students and is used as a guide for educational planning and decision making. Teachers, students, and parents should partner together on an ALP for student success. *(Adapted from Colorado Department of Education Advanced Learning Plan)*

### Foundational Principles of an ALP

1. It is a tool that “drives” instruction and social-emotional guidance.
2. It is a “living document” and revised as necessary.
3. It is a communication tool between students, teachers, and parents.
4. It is an individual gifted student planning document reflecting current levels of performance, curricular areas to be addressed, student goals, parent involvement, student involvement, timeline, monitoring and review process.
5. It is used to measure student’s progress and the effectiveness of programming by including an indicator of success, self-efficacy, and next steps.

### Neighborhood Schools

- 80% of gifted learners in Jeffco are in neighborhood schools.
- All Jeffco neighborhood and charter schools are supported by a GT Resource Teacher.
- Neighborhood schools can have a variety of different focuses like Project Based Learning (PBL), Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM), Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math (STEAM), or GT Clustering.
- GT students are sometimes clustered in the same classroom with like-ability peers.
- Each school provides mental health support for all students.
- Differentiation is provided for all ability levels.

### GT Center Schools

1. Each GT Center school houses a GT Resource Teacher as well as a GT Social Emotional Learning Counselor.
2. The GT Department partners with the GT Center school to provide ongoing professional learning to GT Center teachers.
3. GT Centers operate as a school within a school with integration during electives, specials, lunch, and recess, in most cases.
4. GT Centers are in neighborhood schools. A GT Center class is a separate classroom, for each grade, of all GT students.
5. Differentiated curriculum uniquely curated for the needs of GT students.
  - Math accelerated. Language Arts, Social Studies & Science deeper exploration
6. Every student admitted to a GT Center either has an ALP or has a strong body of evidence and is on their way to having an ALP.