

Lee County Schools Intellectually Gifted Program

Questions and Answers

1. What is DISCOVERY?

DISCOVERY class is an enrichment program for intellectually gifted students in grades 2-8.

2. What is the referral identification process?

A student may be referred by a teacher, administrator, counselor, parent, peer, self, or any other person having reason to believe that the student may be intellectually gifted. If the student satisfactorily completes the screening process, parent permission will be obtained and an individual intelligence test will be administered. Students scoring at or above the 91st percentile on the intelligence test will be eligible for DISCOVERY.

3. How does DISCOVERY differ from the "regular" classroom?

Because of the abilities of gifted students, we pursue activities that go beyond the normal classroom activity by offering the students a greater latitude of inquiry. The student's intellect is challenged by providing them with a diversity of learning experiences, including instructional methods, materials, and activities.

4. What are the elements of the curriculum?

DISCOVERY Class focuses on developing skills in the following areas: Thinking Skills, Creativity, Information Literacy, Success Skills, Affective Skills, and Communication Skills.

5. In what ways are the goals of DISCOVERY met?

Speakers	Independent Studies	Mini-Units
Field Trips	Small Group Projects	Simulations
Team Building	Discussions	Puzzles/Brain Teasers

STEM Projects - Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

STEAM Projects - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math

6. How are students scheduled for DISCOVERY?

DISCOVERY students are scheduled to be in class for a minimum of 240 minutes per week as required by the State Department of Education. The schedule will vary depending on the school and the grade level of the student.

7. Are grades given in DISCOVERY?

Discovery students in grades 2-8 will be evaluated according to the requirements as determined by the principal.

8. What is the procedure for remaining in the program?

Once students are ruled eligible for DISCOVERY, they do not have to be re-tested. A committee shall meet at least annually to reassess each gifted student's continuation in the gifted program. Students should remain in the gifted program as long as they are being successful in the program. Should the committee determine that a student should exit the program due to lack of progress in the program and/or unsatisfactory participation in the program, the student's parents must be notified and given the opportunity to discuss the decision with the committee before the student is removed.

