



What Does AIG Look Like at Salem Elementary School?

The co-teaching AIG model is a county wide initiative and part of the WCPSS AIG plan. At Salem Elementary students are receiving AIG services for more than the required 45 minutes a week per identified subject area.

Through a combination of our pull-out and co-teaching practices, I am able to work with AIG identified students 5 times per week for 45 minutes in each identified subject area. The co-teaching model allows for lessons to be differentiated through content, process, and product. Benefits of co-teaching are:

- Reduced student/teacher ratio
- Increased instructional options for all students
- Diversity of instructional styles
- Greater student engaged time
- Greater student participation levels

The 4 C's, AIG, and Salem

Collaboration

How are our students at Salem Elementary collaborating across subjects in the school day? Collaborating across space and time is how the world works today. It's how business gets done. Effective collaboration also requires good listening. Good listeners are both rare and valued in today's society. In an effort to be better collaborators, we are also working on our listening skills. Truly collaborative learning balances individual accountability with group outcomes

Communication

Communication is not new to the education world, but how we communicate with each other has changed quite a lot in the past few years. Classroom communication exists in three categories: verbal, nonverbal and written. In AIG we will work to help our students effectively share their thoughts, ideas, questions and solutions. Effective communication also requires respect of all classmates for all classmates.

Creativity

Have you ever noticed that your child is a bit more creative when they pick their own topic or know "important" people will be watching? Creating something that has a purpose and possibly even real world application is a driving force behind all of the work we will tackle in the AIG program at Salem Elementary.

Critical Thinking

At Salem Elementary we will work to find problems that need to be solved. In AIG I will also create opportunities for students to be problem finders not just problem solvers. With great critical thinking, questions are "Non-Googleable."