

ADVANCED LEARNING PROGRAM REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS 2007-2008*
DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED LEARNING
GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools

*Program Reviews were conducted in 67 elementary schools, including Johnson Street Global Studies and The Academy at Lincoln. Twenty of the 67 (29%) elementary school program reviews noted areas that were not in full compliance with the AL Plan 2007-2010. The number and percent of elementary schools and the specific areas identified as *not implemented* are as follows:*

- 14 schools (20%) did not have documentation of teachers' annual plans
- 3 schools (4%) were determined to have insufficient communication with staff and parents.
- 2 schools (3%) did not have appropriate representation on Team for Advanced Learning (TAL) by an administrator and/or a parent.
- 3 schools (6%) did not have their database updated to ensure accurate reporting.
- 3 schools (6%) did not have the required documentation for regularly scheduled TAL meetings, including sign-in sheets, agendas, and meeting notes/documentation.
- 1 school (1%) needed to implement a nurturing component.

Middle Schools

*Program Reviews were conducted in 21 middle schools. Six of the 21 (28%) middle school program reviews noted areas that were not in full compliance with the AL Plan 2007-2010. The number and percent of middle schools and the specific areas identified as *not implemented* are as follows:*

- 2 schools (9%) did not have appropriate representation on TAL by an administrator and/or a parent.
- 2 schools (9%) did not provide sufficient professional development for staff.
- 2 schools (9%) were determined to have insufficient communication with parents.
- 1 school (4%) did not have sufficient documentation as evidence of implementation.
- 2 schools (9%) did not provide appropriate grouping of identified AL students.

The assigned program facilitators recommended to two schools (9%) that school staff should be informed of the opportunities Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Certification afforded.

High Schools

*Program Reviews were conducted in 26 high schools. Ten of 26 (38%) high school program reviews noted areas that were not in full compliance with the AL Plan 2007-2010 and/or did not take specific actions that support district goals. The number and percent of high schools and the specific areas identified as *not implemented or actions not taken* are as follows:*

- 8 schools (31%) did not communicate the results of the Summary of Answer & Skills Report (SOAS) provided by College Board to staff.
- 3 schools (12%) provided insufficient communication regarding Advanced Placement (AP) opportunities and PSAT scores to parents.
- 2 schools (8%) developed no process to monitor AP Course enrollment and encourage identified AL students to take more rigorous courses.
- 2 schools (8%) lacked appropriate documentation of training for AP teachers.
- 3 schools (12%) provided insufficient support for students taking the SAT and PSAT.

***The Advanced Learning Department is pleased to note that all areas noted above are presently resolved or will be resolved before school begins.**