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PROGRAM NAME

Discovery Place

GRADES SERVED

4-8

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DESCRIPTION

Willington has a gifted and talented program, Discovery Place, at the middle school level (grades 4-8), based on the Schoolwide Enrichment Model. A schoolwide enrichment specialist works with classroom teachers to provide appropriate enrichment and acceleration opportunities for identified students. This is accomplished in the following three ways.

1) The Discovery Place teacher works closely with other teachers to identify and develop modifications and extensions to the curriculum where they are appropriate to provide additional challenge within the classroom. Acceleration opportunities to classes in a higher grade are also offered.

2) Pull-out Discovery Place classes are offered to students who have been identified as academically gifted, and to students who have a strong interest in a particular topic and are recommended by their teachers to participate.

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Classes to be offered are determined by student interest and include such things as History Day, Future Problem Solving, Math Olympiad, Shakesphere and Writers' groups.

3) Discovery Place offers students the opportunity to conduct independent research and create a project on a topic of interest to the student. The student's work is compacted in the regular class to allow time and opportunity to work with the Discovery Place teacher.

In addition, The Discovery Place teacher works with other teachers, staff members and parents to provide a variety of enrichment experiences to classes, grades, groups of grades or the whole school.