

**Adams Elementary
Advanced Learning Opportunity (ALO) Plan
2008-2009 School Year**

Adams is an arts integrated school committed to challenging all its students. We believe that all students deserve opportunities for enriched, thought provoking instruction that pushes them to higher levels of academic achievement. Because of this philosophy, Adams School offers ALO instruction to students based on teacher assessment and on formal identification by the district ALO testing process. Adams provides support for different learning styles which include advanced study in all academic areas as well as the arts. The ALO Report Card is utilized for students who are formally identified to ensure that our advanced students are receiving an accelerated curriculum.

ALO Model: Advanced learners are challenged by more complex interpretations of assignments and through flexible groupings, differentiated instruction, inter- and cross-grade level sharing, challenging materials, enrichment opportunities and arts integration

- Math: ALO students receive math instruction one grade level above their current grade. Advanced students receive their math instruction by attending the appropriate grade level math class or working in small pullout groups. All classes use Everyday Math Curriculum which includes lessons for advanced learners and students in need of remediation skills.
- Reading: ALO students are appropriately placed by ability level. Instruction is delivered either in the class through differentiation or through teaming, where students go to another class/grade to receive instruction. Students are provide with some individual choice in the books they read to appropriately place them in groups of interest and ability

ALO Strategies Used:

- Acceleration- “one grade level above” for identified students
- Curriculum Compacting- Pretest and eliminate mastered content
- Tiered Assignments- Advanced students will receive their instruction in varying levels of complexity and depth.
- Flexible Groupings- Students will move in and out of groups depending upon individual needs. Support staff will give service to both advanced learners and students in need of remediation help.
- Integrated Curriculum Model: Teachers carry a single theme across several areas of the curriculum.

Enrichment Opportunities:

- Global Reading Challenge: 4th & 5th graders
- After School Enrichment Classes: Students participate in a variety of subjects.
- Math Club: Students explore math concepts using games and activities.
- Penny Harvest Leadership: 4th & 5th graders
- Field Trips: Specially designed field trips to explore the arts, nature, and local history.
- Artist in Residence projects