

Advanced Learning Student Services 2007 – 2008

- **Advanced Learning Office staff include our manager, Robert Vaughan, consulting teachers, Roger Daniels, and Kim Fox, and support staff, Mary Batie, Virginia Pflueger, and Vera Stritzel.**
- **This year, we have completed 3883 evaluations of children whose parents want them considered for our district's 3 Advanced Learning Programs. This surpasses by almost 500 our previous record numbers from last year. The lion's share of credit for day to day management of this enterprise goes to our testing coordinators, Mary Batie and Virginia Pflueger. The public seems very interested in advanced learning opportunities.**
- **We are now preparing to support Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams to be taken this spring by students in all our high schools. Last year, our students took 2794 AP exams in 28 of the 38 AP courses developed by the College Board. This year, we expect more to participate, and we are registering many teachers for AP/IB training this summer.**
- **Besides supporting teachers and students in APP, Spectrum, and ALO programs, our consulting teacher, Kim Fox, has taught workshops on Teaching the Gifted Child in the Regular Classroom to 236 staff representing 39 schools.**
- **Consulting teacher Roger Daniels is working with Washington Middle School and our Science Curriculum specialists to develop an accelerated path into high school science to permit the development of more Advanced Placement science in our district.**
- **Manager Robert Vaughan is implementing recommendations to improve Advanced Learning made by national experts from the U. of Virginia.**
- **Dr. Vaughan is also assisting the South East Initiative and Director Pat Sander by working closely with leaders from the College Board to help Rainier Beach and Cleveland High Schools, and Aki Kurose Middle Schools, to become College Board Excelerator Schools. The Excelerator School model will dramatically spur a college-focused culture among students and families at these schools beginning next year.**
- **Dr. Vaughan has also assisted 4 high schools to apply for National Math Science Initiative AP grants worth \$479,000 each. Franklin and West Seattle are 2 of the 7 schools in the Western United States to win offers. Because the grants involve financial incentives for teacher performance, accepting the grants as offered is under negotiation.**