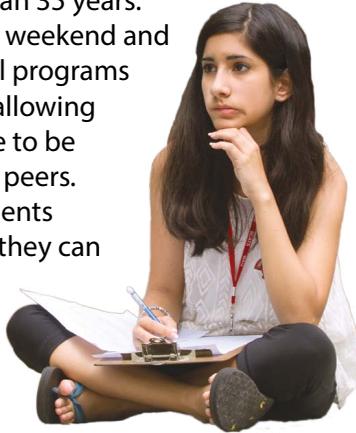


*Where gifted learners
discover their potential*

Located on the campus of Western Kentucky University, The Center for Gifted Studies has been serving children who are gifted and talented for more than 35 years. The Center provides weekend and summer educational programs for gifted students, allowing bright young people to be surrounded by their peers. High-achieving students need a place where they can be challenged academically, explore new ideas, and grow as individuals. The Center for Gifted Studies provides such a place because we know that when gifted young people meet their extraordinary potential, our communities become better places.



Limited financial assistance is available for summer and weekend academic programs. To inquire about applying for financial aid, call our office at 270-745-6323. To donate to The Center and help make opportunities possible for students in need, visit www.wku.edu/gifted/give.



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IdeaFestival Bowling Green

Creative thinkers and ambitious innovators from a variety of fields share their passions with high school students and adults through engaging presentations and interactive experiences during this one-day gathering each spring. Past presenters have come from a variety of industries, including technology, manufacturing, art, journalism, entertainment, marketing, entrepreneurship, and agriculture.



Travel with The Center

International travel/study tours provide opportunities to learn about the history, culture, and people of a selected region. Eighth grade and high school honors students, as well as interested adults, are welcome on the trips, which are offered each spring and fall. Past destinations have included England, France, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands.



Look us up

Find program dates, applications, and more at www.wku.edu/gifted.

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Student Opportunities

VAMPY

Grades 7 - 10

The Summer Program for Verbally and mathematically Precocious Youth (VAMPY) is a three-week residential summer program for very bright students on the campus of Western Kentucky University. VAMPY is designed to provide a balance of educational, cultural, and recreational experiences for high-ability seventh through tenth graders.

Learning at VAMPY is conducted in a fast-paced, challenging format. Classes meet six hours each weekday and are taught by outstanding teachers who incorporate a variety of projects, field trips, and lectures into their curriculum. Class size is limited to 16 students, and learning experiences are planned to be appropriate for high-ability students. Class options vary from year to year but always cover a wide range of academic disciplines, ranging from humanities to chemistry, political science, physics, history, mathematics, and more.

In the evenings and on weekends, residential counselors plan a variety of cultural, educational, and recreational activities which include cookouts, dances, and a talent show as well as individual and team sports, games, and creative adventures. There are many opportunities for campers to enjoy getting to know young people with similar abilities and interests.

To be eligible to attend VAMPY, students must earn the requisite ACT or SAT scores specific to their course selection. Requirements are based on individual subject scores relative to the topic of the course, not composite scores, and, therefore, vary from course to course. It is recommended that students take the ACT or SAT in the fall or winter to allow time for scores to be processed. VAMPY applications, which include the course options and score requirements, are available mid-winter.

“Living on a college campus and being like a college student was a wonderful experience. I got to be with other really smart kids like me, and I felt like I fit in.”



SCATS

Grades 6 - 8

For gifted students who have completed sixth, seventh, or eighth grade, The Summer Camp for Academically Talented Middle School Students (SCATS) presents a unique learning environment to explore new ideas, develop concepts, make

friends, and share experiences.

SCATS provides a diverse curriculum and a wide range of enrichment experiences for about 200 middle school students every summer. A two-week

program, SCATS provides both residential and nonresidential options. Nonresidential students attend classes and return home in the afternoon. Residential campers live in a residence hall on WKU's campus.

With almost 30 different course options ranging from arts and humanities to mathematics and sciences, students are placed in four of their top ten choices and attend those classes every day. Teachers provide students with a great deal of individualized attention in the classroom. SCATS classes go beyond the limitations of the traditional classroom to allow students to learn at higher levels and to think and create in their own ways.

Emphasis is also placed on the social aspects of camp. When not in class, students may be playing sports, participating in cookouts,

dances, and talent shows, or hanging out on the lawn in front of their residence hall, playing music, making crafts, and getting to know each other.

Enjoying learning is the norm at SCATS, where students find peers who share a wide variety of academic and social interests.

“It's an experience of a lifetime with new friends, classes, and learning about yourself.”



Super Saturdays

Grades 1 - 8

Saturday classes allow high-ability and high-interest students in grades one through eight to broaden the scope of their interests and interact with other bright young people on WKU's campus or at the Kentucky Science Center in Louisville.

In small classes, students explore an area of interest with a teacher who has expertise in that field. The classes emphasize a hands-on, minds-on approach to learning in an environment in which creative and critical thinking are encouraged.

Classes meet for two and a half hours on four consecutive Saturdays. Sessions are offered in both the fall and winter.



Camp Explore Camp Innovate

Grades 1 - 3

Grades 4 & 5

Camp Explore and Camp Innovate are week-long day camps designed for high ability and high interest children. The experience features hands-on and minds-on instruction to engage children in learning at advanced levels. Students explore a wide range of subjects ranging from math and science to art and language arts. The camps are held during separate weeks at WKU.

