

## High Ability

*The MSD of Pike Township is committed to meeting the needs, abilities and interests of its academically gifted students. Through trained professional teachers and a qualitatively different approach to learning, the HA Program is dedicated to offering the best possible program to its High Ability Program participants.*

The High Ability Program of the Metropolitan School District of Pike Township seeks to provide our most academically talented students with developmentally appropriate, enriched and accelerated experiences to actively engage them in learning. The richly differentiated curriculum is well integrated and solidly based on tenets of critical thinking. The development of critical thinking is the basis of all learning. The ability to think critically is imperative to prepare students to acquire the skills and the mindset to be life-long learners and to accept the challenges and the responsibilities of a global society.

Testing for High Ability placement occurs the year prior to placement in the program. For a complete testing schedule, contact your child's schools in the fall. Students moving into Pike from another district's HA Program will be required to submit test scores and grades for consideration for a Pike HA placement. In addition, new students may be required to take further testing. Families who reside in Pike Township but attend a non-public school and are interested in testing for the High Ability Program in Pike will need to contact Lori O'Malley at 317-387-2216 or email at [llomalle@pike.k12.in.us](mailto:llomalle@pike.k12.in.us) for testing information and dates.

For more information regarding the HA Program or the identification process call the office of the Director of Curriculum and Instruction K-12 at 387-2216.