

FFSD Elementary Gifted Program: Probe Responsibilities

A general summary of the guidelines and expectations for the Probe program.

Achievement, Attitude, Attendance (AAA) Expectations

Probe is a specialized program provided for students who have been identified as Gifted through a qualification process. Students who attend Probe are expected to abide by the AAA pledge both at their homeschool and at Probe. The AAA pledge holds students accountable for high academic achievement, attitude, and attendance standards.

Achievement

Probe is a service provided for students who have been identified as Gifted through a qualification process. That means that they have the ability to think differently and would benefit from additional academic activities and experiences to enrich and challenge their thinking.

- Since students will be missing a day of learning at their home school to attend Probe, expectations are that students will keep up with their traditional school work with passing grades/mastery of standards at their home school. It is important that Probe activities enhance rather than interfere with the Ferguson-Florissant curriculum. If classroom academic progress becomes a concern, then Probe and your Home school will be in contact with each other.
- Probe teachers will be in contact with home school teachers and will monitor student progress.
- A student may be placed on Probation or may be rotated out of Probe if adequate academic progress is not made.

Attitude

Probe PBIS Expectations

At Probe you should:

- demonstrate Safety, Perseverance, Responsibility, Cooperation, and Kindness.
- follow the Ferguson Florissant Student Expectation Code.
- complete assignments thoughtfully and strive to do your best.
- be motivated and accept challenges.
- work to develop your creativity and think critically.

Motivation and Participation

At Probe we are here to learn. To be successful in Probe:

- you must be self-motivated and able to work independently.
- you will be expected to collaborate with others cooperatively.
- you must be actively engaged. Probe offers a variety of activities and you must be willing to try new experiences.
- you will be expected to persevere. Failing at first and learning from those mistakes while trying new or hard things will grow your growth mindset.

The Probe Classroom

- Each person is responsible for keeping the room neat. Return all materials to their proper place before leaving the classroom.
- Technology use in the classroom is a privilege and can be suspended if there is any inappropriate usage or abuse of privileges.

Bus to and from Probe

- Your best behavior is expected on the bus.
- While on the bus, you will be respectful of the bus driver and students around you.
- You must remain seated and talk quietly on the bus.
- If your bus behavior is unacceptable, you may lose the privilege to ride the bus.

A student may be placed on Probation or may be rotated out of Probe if they do not abide by the attitude expectations either at their homeschool or at Probe.

Attendance

Probe is a service provided for students who have been identified as Gifted through a qualification process. Consistent attendance at your Home School and at Probe is important to get the most out of your educational experience. If your attendance at your home school becomes a concern and affects your classroom progress, then Probe and your Home school will be in contact with each other.

Home School Activities

- It is important for our students to have as many experiences as possible inside and outside of the classroom. Students should not opt out of an educational field trip to attend Probe.
- If a student has not earned a reward opportunity at their home school, they should not attend Probe to avoid the consequence.

A student may be placed on Probation or may be rotated out of Probe if they do not have consistent attendance at their home school and at Probe.

Probe Probation

If your child is placed on probation, your child will continue to attend Probe class but will need to work harder on applying strategies that will help them be more successful in following the AAA expectations. A letter will be sent home that outlines the area of growth the student needs to make in order to remain in the Probe program.

Students who are rotated out of the Probe program will not be eligible to attend the STEAM Academy Middle School without going through the application process.

Other Important Probe Information

Units

- In Probe students participate in research, critical and creative thinking, and problem-solving activities.
- Technology is integrated in the classroom on a daily basis. Students should bring their chromebooks from their homeschools to Probe.
- Each year students will focus on a Project Based Learning unit of study and complete a project. We utilize the Project Lead the Way Curriculum in all grades for some projects.