

# 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 that have been identified as Gifted through a qualification process. Students that 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 that 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 quarterly student progress and Galileo Benchmark test scores. After each Galileo Benchmark, if Probe students are struggling to show Galileo progress and growth, then Probe will meet with them to determine what interventions are needed to help them be successful.
- 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 that 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 grades, then Probe and your Home school will be in contact with each other. A student may be placed on Probation or may be rotated out of Probe if they do not have consistent attendance.

### **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 a 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.

## **Probe Probation**

Probe teachers will meet with the student to determine what interventions are needed to help them be successful. While on probation, your child will continue to attend Probe class but will need to work harder on applying the 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.

**Fifth-grade students rotated out from the Probe program at the end of 5th grade will not be eligible to attend the STEAM Academy Middle School.**

## 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.
- Each year students will focus on a Project Based Learning unit of study and complete a project. We utilize the Project Lead the Way program in all grades for some projects.

### Late Arrival or Early Pickup at Probe

- Mr. Brown, the Probe Office Professional, leaves Probe at 10 a.m. daily to go to Steam Academy Middle School.
- **If you arrive after 10 a.m., you will need to enter through the main entrance at Steam Academy High School.** The STEAM High-security staff will escort your student down to their Probe classroom. Parents that need to pick up early will also enter STEAM High through the main doors. Please inform security of your child's name and that they are in Probe to assist in pickup.
- If you need to contact the Probe office after 10am to inform us of an early pickup or late arrival, please call (314) 824-2422, and Mr. Brown will relay the message to the Probe teachers to help ensure a quick and easy transition.