

PREP ACADEMY

What to Expect for Parents & Students

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CENTRAL ACADEMY



Gifted Core Pathway

- Prep Academy (7th)
- Eighth Grade Academy
- 9-12 AP, Dual Credit & Adv. Core classes



Specialty Courses

- 7 World Languages
- Elective classes in Mathematics, English, Art and MORE
- Unique AP classes

OUR MISSION

Central Academy provides additional services for students in comprehensive schools by offering the Gifted Core Pathway and unique AP, IB & World Language courses. **Our Gifted Core Pathway** fosters academic excellence through the challenge of **compacted curricula** by offering acceleration and enrichment for students who demonstrate **early readiness for advanced work**. **Students**, especially those **under-represented in gifted programs**, develop **competence, connection, and confidence** as they embrace challenging coursework.

GIFTED CORE PATHWAY

Core classes are:

English

Social Studies

Mathematics

Science



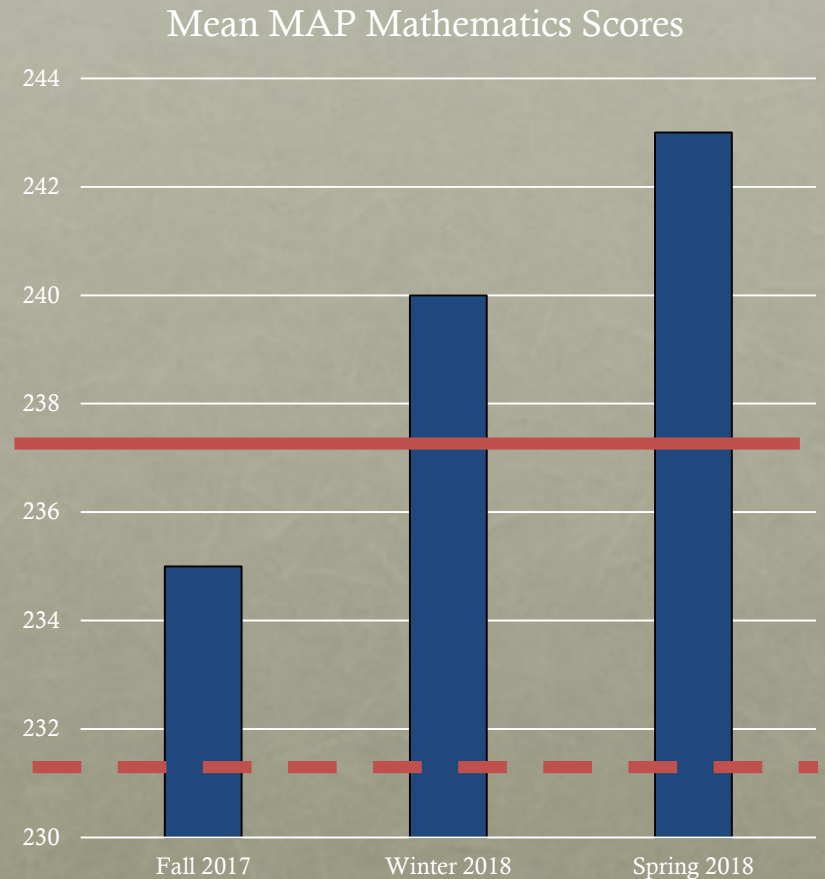
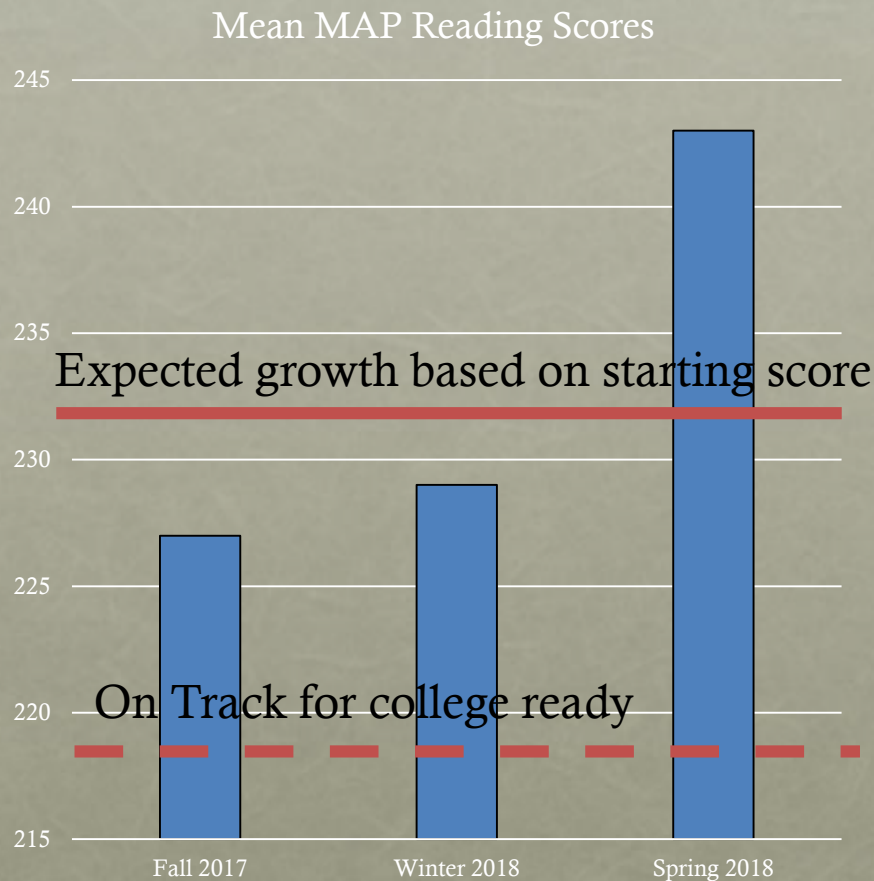
**Prep
Academy**

Eighth
Grade
Academy

9 – 12
Advanced
Placement
Core
Classes

FY2018 PREP ACADEMY GROWTH ON MAP TEST

Growth Scores & Raw Scores



HOW IS IT DIFFERENT?

Normal Pace

Most people need about half the class time spent in review, practice and drill of new ideas and skills.

It's like learning to swim by wading in—developing skills strategically.



Accelerated Pace

Far less class time is spent in review, drill and practice of new ideas and skills.

It's like learning to swim by diving in— it works if you have some foundational skills before you hit the water!



Both methods create Great Swimmers!

ACCELERATION PARADOX

Students with Gifted behaviors need time to process and assemble their thoughts. They have so many ideas, it takes time to sort them out, arrange them and construct them into new thinking.

To support our students, we structure our lessons to provide time to do this thinking... that's what we're doing instead of review, drill and practice.

Instead of repeating concepts, we structure lessons so students are assembling concepts themselves.

Same concepts– but more complexity.

This is much more mentally draining!



COMMON PITFALL: FEAR OF FAILURE

First experience
with accelerated
courses: mentally
drained by
classwork

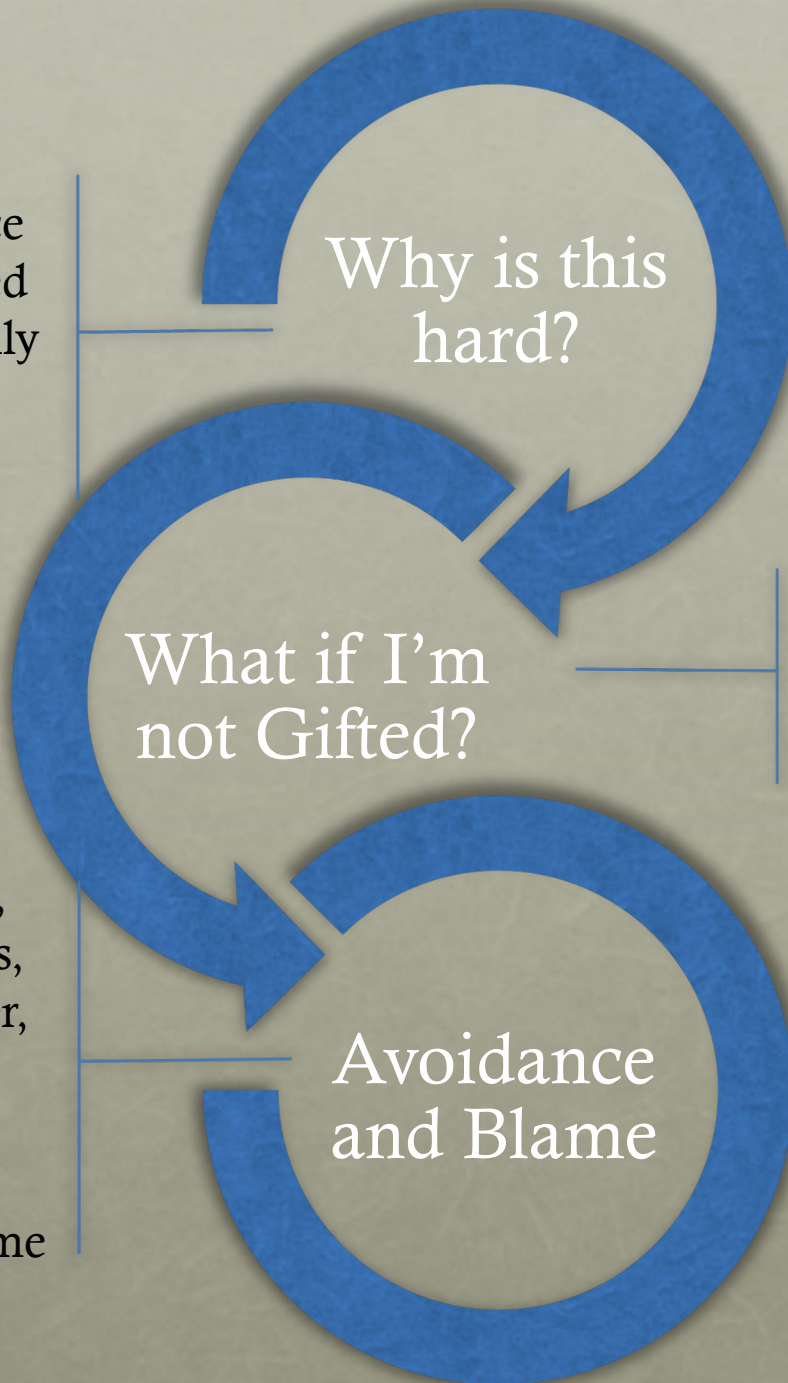
Why is this
hard?

What if I'm
not Gifted?

Worry about
meeting
expectations.

Procrastination,
escapist activities,
blame the teacher,
whining,
complaining,
feeling alone
Imposter Syndrome

Avoidance
and Blame



COMMON PITFALL: TIME MANAGEMENT

First experience with accelerated courses: Don't know how to prioritize.

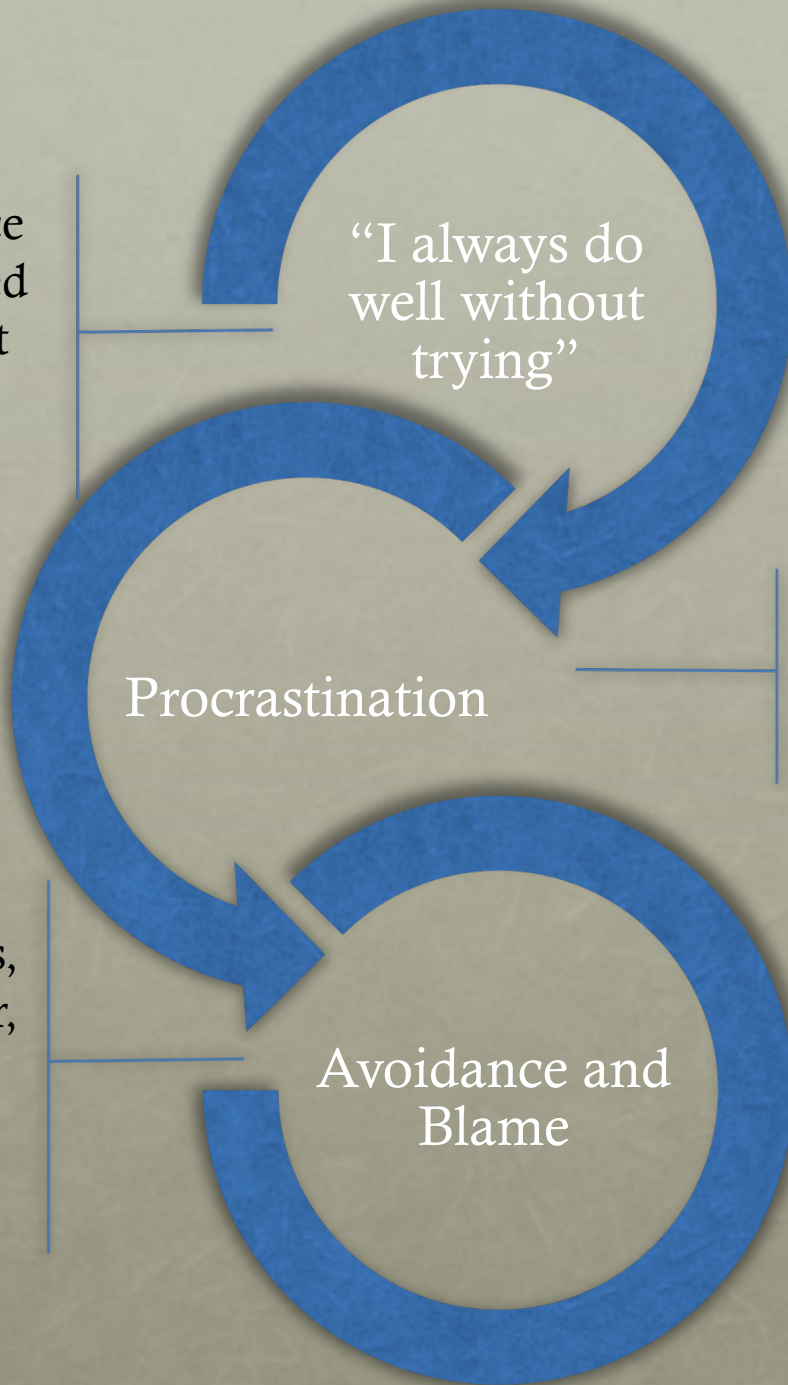
"I always do well without trying"

Procrastination

Have not developed self-discipline & keeps putting tasks off.

Escapist activities, blame the teacher, whining, complaining, feeling alone

Avoidance and Blame



REMIND YOUR CHILD:

- Learning takes EFFORT!
- Persistence Pays!
- Effort over time is REQUIRED!



A DAY IN THE LIFE...

- Students attend classes at Central Academy for approximately one-third of their day, beginning in the afternoon after lunch. (Leave school approx. 11:15- return 1:50)
- **Busing is provided at no cost to families from the students' comprehensive schools.**
- Students attend 2 classes every day: English & Mathematics

ENGLISH



All students take English in Prep Academy.

It is the foundation for reading, writing, listening and speaking necessary for success in all the other courses.

Analysis and argument are the primary thinking skills for the class.

MATHEMATICS



Prep Academy students take Accelerated Math Year 2.

- Mathematics is the foundation to logical thinking and number sense. It is great for puzzlers.
- Must take a mathematics placement exam at the end of the year to go on in 8th grade.

HOW TO ENROLL

- Space is *very* limited
- Permission due to Central Academy counseling office by **Friday, April 26.**
 - Turned in tonight.
 - Returned to your Middle School Counselor
 - Returned to your Middle School GT Consultant
- **Students must maintain an A or B in courses which are considered pre-requisites for Academy classes (Mathematics, Science, English, Social Studies)**

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WELCOME TO PREP ACADEMY!

Dive in!

