

January 20, 2016

- Advocacy in Madison:
Every spring WATG holds an Advocacy Day at the capitol – usually the last Friday in April. If you are interested in contacting your congressmen regarding funding for Gifted education , please click here for a form letter you can personalize: <http://www.watg.org/advocacy>
Our state has a very low level of spending on GT in comparison with other states

- High School Block Schedule (Mike Sereno, Dir of Secondary Instruction)
 - Students take a full year course in half the time
 - 4 blocks/day for a total of 16 blocks
 - Core classes are 2 blocks (semester), electives are single
 - Music classes run all year long on an A/B schedule with another class
 - Resource period of 30 mins helps students have time to meet with teacher/guidance, attend review sessions, attend club meetings, make up work, etc.
 - Allows for “doubling up” – students can take Spanish 1 & Spanish 2 in the same year
 - Can lead to an AP overload in the fall
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- Middle School Schedule (Rae McClain)
 - Dr. McClain powerpoint
 - Enrichment Period/Passion Project/WCATY

- Innovation Collaboratory (Scott Wheeler)
 - Wheeler powerpoint: <http://www.elmbrookschoools.org/district/innovation-collaboratory/index.aspx>
 - Starting in 2017-18 school year with ~100 kids
 - Juniors & Seniors only