

SPARK News Release:

To: Identified Gifted and Talented Students/Parents Grades 3-5 (2018-19 School year)

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RE: SPARK Summer GT Learning Academy

Calling all 3rd-5th Grade LRSD Gifted and Talented Students! Mark your calendar for June 3rd-June 14th when the SPARK Summer GT Learning Academy will be offered for qualifying students. (Qualifying students are defined as students who are identified/participating in GT programming in the LRSD.) SPARK is expanding to two sites this year, Stephens Elementary and McDermott Elementary. The academy will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day and dismiss at 1 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, a program t-shirt, and transportation to and from your home address (within the LRSD district) will be provided. The Academy will accept 400 students (200 per site) for ten days of engaging learning activities through a S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math & Music) based curriculum. Ten engaging classes will SPARK imaginations through an energy related theme, "Energizing Minds, SPARKing Futures." Registration for the academy will open on Monday March 4th at 8:00 a.m. via a registration link posted to the LRSD Gifted and Talented Website that may be accessed from www.lrsd.org. The registration process will require submission of each student's LRSD Student Identification Number. All registration submissions will be date and timestamped to assure that they are processed in the order received. The link to register for SPARK will be shared via a parent link, on the LRSD Gifted Programs website, LRSD Gifted Programs Facebook Page, and LRSD Gifted Programs Twitter Page. Once registration is submitted and current LRSD/GT enrollment is confirmed, **the first 200 students registered for each site's attendance zone** will receive letters of acceptance to the academy. All others will be added to a waiting list and will receive a letter informing them of their wait list status. Site enrollment will be determined as follows:

Stephens: Bale, Baseline, Chicot, Forest Park, King, Mabelvale, Meadowcliff, Otter Creek, Pulaski Heights, Rockefeller, Wakefield, Washington, Watson, and Western Hills.

McDermott: Brady, Dodd, Fulbright, Jefferson, McDermott, Roberts, Romine and Terry.

Magnet School Students addresses will be utilized to determine attendance placement at Stephens or McDermott.

"SPARK 2019- Energizing Minds, SPARKing Futures"