

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OF THE SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GIFTED SERVICES
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The Fulton County School System screens students for eligibility for gifted services twice a year.

I. **Automatic Screening-** At the beginning of the school year, TAG teachers review previous year's test scores.

- **Standardized Tests (New Students)**

Students must have a minimum of an 85th percentile and a 90th percentile in two of the three areas

On a standardized, nationally norm-referenced achievement test: Total Reading, Total Math, and Complete Battery.

- **Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (Grades 4-9)**

Students must score in the top 20 percent on the reading or mathematics section when compared to all other students in the system.

- **Grades (Grades 10-12)**

Students must have an overall cumulative average of 95 or greater.

II. **Reported Referrals-** A student may be referred for consideration for gifted education services by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, and other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities. All referrals are completed through the two system level screening and referral processes each year. All referrals are reviewed by the local Eligibility Team to consider if existing information warrants a formal testing for eligibility.

Classroom Screening- Local schools select a two-week period from January February to review **all** students in the school (**Grades K-11**).

- Classroom teachers use the **Characteristics Instrument for Screening Students (CISS)** to identify students with superior abilities in five or more of the following areas: motivation, interests, communications skills, problem-solving abilities, memory, inquiry, insight, reasoning, creativity, and humor. Students who meet either the automatic screening OR classroom screening criteria AND who have supporting data gathered from test history, products, and/or advanced content levels are **referred** for gifted placement testing.

Once referred to testing:

- Parents receive the *Parent Notification for Testing Consent Form*.
- Student is tested for the gifted program.
- Parents receive test results.
- if state eligibility is determined, students are placed in the tag program with parental consent.

Parents may request to view their child's screening results. For more complete information regarding Fulton County Schools Gifted Services, please visit the Advanced Studies page at :

<http://portal.fultonschools.org>