

Gifted Referral Information



Students in grades 2-12 in the Pulaski County School District who demonstrate a high degree of intellectual, academic, and/or creative ability are provided with instructional services by the Program for Gifted Students.



Eligibility criteria for placement in this program are determined by the State Board of Education.

For specific information on eligibility, please visit the Georgia Dept. of Education site below:

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Gifted-Education.aspx>

FYI:

- Gifted testing is done once a year – at the end of the year.
- Gifted testing begins with students in first grade.

If you are considering recommending your child for gifted testing, you first must ask yourself if your child is a bright child or a gifted learner. Look at the following information to help you answer this question.

Bright Learner**Gifted Learner**

Knows the answers

Asks the questions

Is interested

Is highly curious

Is attentive

Is mentally and physically involved

Has good ideas

Has wild, silly ideas

Works hard

Plays around, yet tests well

Answer questions

Discusses in detail, elaborates

Top group

Beyond the top group

Listens with ease

Already knows, so may not listen closely

6 to 8 repetitions for mastery

1 to 2 repetitions for mastery

Understands ideas

Constructs abstractions

Enjoys peers

Prefers adults

Grasps the meaning

Draws inferences

Completes assignments

Initiates projects

Is receptive

Is intense

Copies accurately

Creates a new design

Enjoys school

Enjoys learning

Absorbs information

Manipulates information

Technician

Inventor

Good memorizer

Good guesser

Enjoys straightforward, sequential presentation

Thrives on complexity

Is alert

Is keenly observant

If you feel your child has several traits of a gifted student that's great. To do well on the gifted testing, you may also want to consider the following:



1. Is my child mature enough to handle the stress of 5-7 days of testing and do well?
2. Does my child have a strong work ethic that will help him/her through this process?
3. Is my child self-motivated-does he/she want to do well on this?

If the answer to any of the three are no, then your child may not be ready for this process. It may be better to wait until they are ready before going forward.



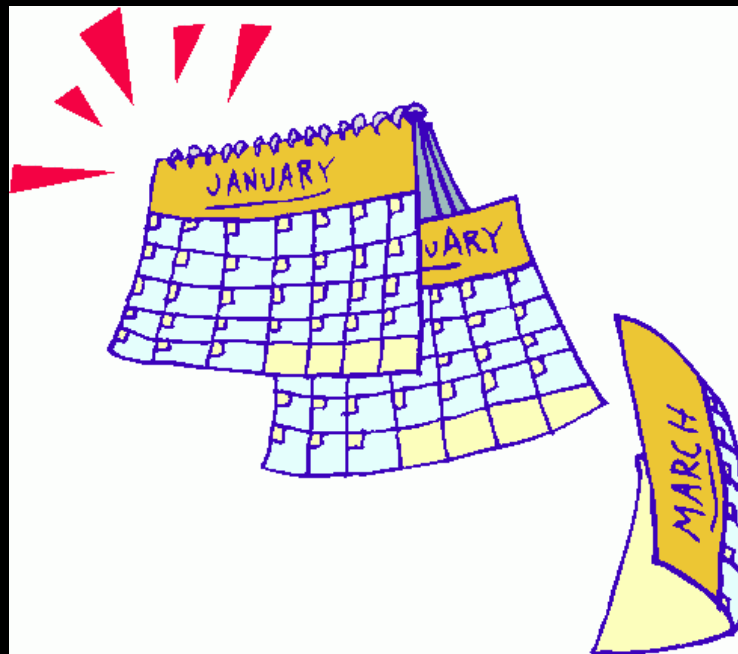
Remember, a child has to wait 2 years before he/she can be tested again.

(e.g. Tested at end of 1st, can't be tested until the end of 3rd)

This policy was put in place because test scores are good for two years.

If you feel that your child may be gifted and confident that he/she is ready to go through the testing process, you may pick up a recommendation form at your child's school or print the form off of the school website.

The recommendation form must be returned to the school by the end of January.



Please remember that a recommendation is not an automatic guarantee that a child will be tested. School data (grades, reading level, motivation, etc) will be analyzed by a committee to determine if a child needs to be tested.

You will receive a letter informing you of the committee's decision.



This will be done before the school year is over.