

IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

FOR W68 GIFTED PLACEMENT



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NOMINATION

Students in grades 3, 4, 5, & 7 can be nominated by teachers, parents, or other community members for gifted screening; the nomination window runs from **mid-November through January**. All 2nd & 6th grade students are automatically screened each year.

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SCREENING

Any student screened will take a nationally normed aptitude assessment (i.e. CogAT, Naglieri General Abilities, KBIT) in **February/March**. This provides verbal, quantitative, & nonverbal reasoning data to show ability to perform well-above grade level.

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PROFILE FORMS

Students who perform above average on the aptitude screener will be further evaluated using local norms for aptitude and achievement scores. Additional data (i.e. teacher/parent recommendations &/or student work samples) may be utilized. This data is collected and housed in a Profile Form by the building gifted specialist.

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GIFTED PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

A committee (district gifted specialists, coordinators, and administrators) convenes in **May** to review the Profile Forms. Students who perform one and 1/2 standard deviations above the mean per local norms may be eligible for gifted services for the following school year. Parents receive decision letters by the end of May.

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APPEALS

Once parents are notified of the placement decision, they have the option to appeal the decision. The screening process is repeated with additional data (i.e. additional testing, teacher recommendation, student work samples) by the Appeals Committee, which consists of district administrators, parents, and the gifted coordinator.

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STUDENTS NEW TO DISTRICT

During the course of the school year, any student who is new can be observed and assessed for a temporary gifted placement. That student would then be fully evaluated for the following school year.

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GIFTED SERVICES

Elementary: DEB (3rd-6th grades)

Jr High: Advanced ELA/SS, Science, and Math

- Further information regarding W68 Gifted Program can be found under the Gifted tab of the district website.