



Gifted Screening and Referral Process

What is the process for having a child tested for gifted?

The Griffin-Spalding School System screens students for eligibility for gifted services twice a year.

- I. Classroom Screening - Elementary schools have a period in the fall to review all students in grades kindergarten through third.
 - 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, communication skills, problem-solving abilities, memory, inquiry, insight, reasoning, creativity and humor.
- II. Parent, Teacher or Student Referral
 - A referral form must be completed.

Students meeting either the classroom screening criteria or having a completed referral form AND having supporting data gathered from test history, products, and/or advanced content levels are referred to the school level review team. The review team consists of gifted certified staff, administrators and/or the counselor. The team reviews names and data and determines whether or not students should be tested. Once referred for testing:

- Parents receive notification for testing and consent form
- Student tests for gifted program
- Parents receive test results
- When state eligibility is determined, students are placed in the gifted program.

When does screening occur?

- I. **The Classroom Screening** will take place in September. Students referred for testing will be tested October - December. All parents will be notified of eligibility by the end of December.
- II. **Parent, Teacher, or Student Referral** will take place two times of year. One will be held in September and the other in February. Students referred for testing will be tested in

October-December or March- May. All parents will be notified of eligibility by either the end of December or May.

How long is the testing process?

Depending upon the age and needs of the student, testing will require one to four days. Once tests are administered, eligibility will be determined and parents will be notified.

What tests are administered?

For any child who is referred for gifted testing, Griffin-Spalding County schools is required to gather information in the following areas: Mental Ability, Creativity, Achievement and Motivation. The grade level and former testing experiences of a child determine exactly which instruments will be administered.

	K-2	3rd-5th Grade
Mental Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) · Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) · Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test (KBIT-2) 	
Creativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gifted Rating Scale (GRS) · Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking (TTCT) 	
Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · KTEA · MAP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · ITBS · KTEA · MAP
Motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gifted Rating Scale (GRS) 	