

Academic Gifted and Talented Program

Nomination and Selection Process (Grades 2 – 12)

1. **NOMINATION** - One nomination may be submitted for any student (grades 2-12) in the Webster Groves School District. An [online nomination](#) is available.
2. **PARENTAL NOTIFICATION** - The online Permission to Test form will be emailed to the parent/guardian upon receiving the nomination form. It must be completed by the parent/guardian before the evaluation may begin.
3. **EVALUATION** - A testing date will be provided to the student's parent/guardian prior to the evaluation taking place. On the day of the test, students will need to complete the district's [daily screener](#). There are four components that are considered when determining a student's eligibility for gifted services:
 - a. A nationally normed general mental ability (IQ) test
 - b. Achievement test scores in Mathematics and Reading (NWEA or WIAT)
 - c. A behavior rating scale completed by the student's teacher(s) (Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students)
 - d. Creativity Assessment (Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking)
4. **RESULTS, PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT**
 - a. Gifted services **are not** warranted for the student based on the evaluation results.
 - i. Test results will be mailed to the parent/guardian.
 - ii. A Review meeting may be held within 30 days of receiving the results and if the minimum general ability score is at the 94th percentile.
 - b. Gifted services **are** warranted for the student based on the evaluation results.
 - i. Test results will be mailed to the parent/guardian.
 - ii. Gifted services will begin for the student.
 - iii. The building gifted specialist will communicate with the parent/guardian more details about the gifted class.

Additional Information

- Students may be nominated at any time during the school year.
- *To honor the prior policy that allowed two parent/guardian nominations for a student, and if a student was nominated by a parent/guardian prior to the 2019-2020 school year, a second parent/guardian nomination will be accepted until the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- If a student is selected to participate in both the *Gifted Fine Arts Program* and the *Gifted and Talented Program*, concurrent participation in both programs will be made on a case by case decision with the school's problem solving team including the parent/guardian.
- Due to COVID-19 county and district guidelines, the Gifted Evaluation Process may change without prior notice.