

Gifted Identification Process

Parent / Teacher Referral

Universal Screening

When a Parent/Teacher request for Gifted Screening is made, WSSD follows a multi-step process of data collection and analysis

InView Test
- Universal Screener administered in Spring of 2nd grade

Data Collection

Data Analysis -
- To improve equity, WSSD employs a multi-phase process of Universal Screening.

Ability Screening
- If the child was in the District for 2nd Grade the InView Data is collected
- If InView data is not available, the student may be administered the KBIT (Kaufmann Brief Intelligence Test)

Academic Achievement -
- MAP Test - MAP tests are administered to students in grades K-8. MAP Data is norm referenced.
- Current Grade Level Assessments

Students with a CSI (Cognitive Skills Index) greater than 130

Multiple Criteria and local norms ranking
- To improve equitable access to gifted evaluations additional criteria, such as MAP data are taken into consideration along with InView data

Teacher Input -
- Student's teacher completes a rating scale evaluation such as the GRS-S rating scale.

Students with a score above 130 are referred to the GMDE team and a PTE (Permission to Evaluate) is issued

Students with a CSI below 130 but ranked within the top 20% of students in their home school are referred to the 'GMDE' team

GMDE - Team Analysis

The GMDE Team determines if a student should be referred for an evaluation or if additional screening data needs to be considered.

If the data collected does not indicate a Gifted Evaluation is warranted

If the data collected indicates a Gifted Evaluation is needed, a PTE is issued in order to continue with a Gifted Evaluation.

The School Psychologist will contact the family to discuss the findings of the Gifted Screening Process

The GMDE Team evaluates whether there may be additional circumstances impacting a student's performance such as:
- Additional exceptionalty
- Socio-Economic Status
- Historically Underserved Population

If additional data indicates a need for an evaluation

Additional Data -
- Administration of the KBIT (Kaufmann Brief Intelligence Test) - additional screener
- Consultation with teachers and family regarding any considerations that may warrant additional screening

If additional factors are considered, a PTE maybe issued in order to continue with a Gifted Evaluation

Gifted Evaluation
- A gifted evaluation is performed by the school psychologist. An evaluation includes the following:
- WISC - Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children
- Achievement Test - WIAT-III
- Parent Input
- Teacher Input
- Academic Records Review

If further analysis indicates a Gifted Evaluation is not appropriate at this time, then no further action is taken,

Gifted Determination
- Based on the data collected, a determination of a child's giftedness is made.
- According to PA-Code, Chp. 16, the determination of Giftedness must be based on multiple criteria

If a child is gifted -
- GWR - Gifted Written Report is shared with the GMDE.
- A GIEP meeting is scheduled prior to the student beginning to receive services.

If a child is not gifted -
- a NORA (Notice of Recommended Assignment) is issued to the family to notify them of the results.