



Office of Gifted and Talented

Each year, school districts across the state of South Carolina provide opportunities for parents, teachers, school administrators and professional school counselors to refer students for gifted and talented screening. South Carolina defines gifted and talented and keeps with the National Excellence Report (1995) as:

“Children and youth with outstanding talent perform or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience and environment. (They) exhibit high performance capability in intellectual, creative, and/or artistic areas, possess an unusual leadership capacity/or excel in specific academic fields. They require services not ordinarily provided by the schools. Outstanding talents are present in children and youth from all cultural groups, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor.”

The following Silverman/Waters list provides parents with characteristics of gifted students:

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| Good problem-solving abilities | Sensitivity |
| Rapid learning ability | Compassion for others |
| Extensive vocabulary | Perfectionism |
| Good memory | High degree of energy |
| Long attention span | Preference for older companions |
| Wide range of interests | Excellent sense of humor |
| Early or avid reading ability | Ability in puzzles, mazes, or numbers |
| At times, seem mature for age | Perseverance in areas of interest |

Colleton County School District Referral Window will close on December 10, 2021. Please use the following form to submit your request for your child to be considered for the screening process.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Tracy McDonald, 843-782-4510.



Parent Referral/Testing Request Form
Colleton County School District
Grades 3-8
Academic Program



This is a request for my child to be included in the screening process for the possible identification in Colleton County School District's Gifted/Talented Academic Program. I understand that the results of the testing will be used to determine eligibility for the gifted program for the 2021-22 school year. I understand that requests for screening must be returned to the district by mail, postmarked no later than December 10, 2021. **Students who have already met the state requirements to be identified as Gifted/Talented do not need to be retested.**

Date

Parent's Signature

- ❖ Screening is a multi-step process. Students must meet pre-screening qualifications in order to qualify for additional testing. This screening will take place during regular school hours during the month of December and January.
- ❖ Student data will be reviewed by the Evaluation and Placement Committee after all test results are available, and identified students will be eligible for placement into the program.
- ❖ Parents of students in grades 3-8 will be notified by letter by the close of the school year regarding the results of this screening/evaluation process.
- ❖ Parents do not need to request screening for second grade students. All second grade students will undergo testing in November. Second grade parents will be notified only if their child qualifies for gifted programming.

PERMISSION TO TEST (PLEASE PRINT)

STUDENT'S NAME (Print)

First

Middle

Last

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ Grade Level ____ Parent's Phone ____
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School: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

I give permission for my child, _____, to be evaluated for possible inclusion in the gifted program.

Date

Parent's Signature

Please return the form to:

Postmark Deadline: **December 10, 2021**

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