

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OF THE SCREENING AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GIFTED SERVICES

The following screening information should be distributed to all parents at the beginning of each school year. It is suggested that schools include the following statement in the principal's notes or PTSA newsletter within the first month of school. A copy of the school newsletter including the following statement should be sent to the TAG office.

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The Fulton County School System screens students for eligibility for gifted services twice a year.

- I. **Automatic Screening**- At the beginning of the school year, TAG teachers review previous year's test scores.
 - **Standardized Tests**
Students must have a minimum of an 85th percentile and a 90th percentile in two of the three areas: Total Reading, Total Math, and Complete Battery
 - **Criterion-Referenced Competency Test**
Students must score in the top 20 percent on the reading or mathematics section when compared to all other students in the system.
 - **Grades (high school only)**
Students must have an overall cumulative average of 95 or greater
- II. **Classroom Screening**- Local schools select a two-week period from January 5-February 25, 2011 to review **all** students in their school
 - 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, communications skills, problem-solving abilities, memory, inquiry, insight, reasoning, creativity, and humor. Parents may request to view their child's screening results.

Students who meet either the automatic screening OR classroom screening criteria AND who have supporting data gathered from test history, products, and/or advanced content levels are **referred** for gifted placement testing. Once referred to testing:

- Parents receive the *Parent Notification for Testing Consent Form*.
- Student is tested for the gifted program.
- Parents receive test results.
- ***If state eligibility is determined, students are placed in the TAG program.***

For more complete information regarding Fulton County Schools Gifted Services, please visit

<http://portal.fultonschools.org/departments/Instruction/Curriculum/TAG/Pages/Profile.aspx>, contact the teacher of gifted students at your school, or call 404-763-6811.