

Manual for Gifted Services

2024-25

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Vision and Mission

The **vision** of the Gifted and Talented Program is to form a collaborative effort that maximizes students' academic potential.

The **mission** of the Gifted and Talented Program is to support teachers in educating gifted students, offer guidance for parents/guardians of gifted children, and provide challenging opportunities for gifted learners.

Delivery Models

The gifted program incorporates curriculum and instruction approved by the DeKalb County Board of Education. This curriculum is revised annually by the DeKalb County School District.

The DeKalb County School District implements the following approved delivery models for gifted services according to the signed Gifted Assurances Form.

Resource Class: Only gifted-identified students are served. Content and pacing are differentiated such that the learning activities are clearly not appropriate for typical students at that grade level. Gifted students may receive no more than ten gifted FTE segments per week of resource class service. To earn FTE gifted funding, the teacher must have a completed content-area GaPSC-approved certification **and** have a GaPSC-approved gifted endorsement **or** be actively enrolled/participating in a gifted endorsement program.

Cluster Grouping: Identified gifted students are placed as a group (recommended 6-8 students) into an otherwise heterogeneous classroom, amongst other students not identified as gifted. A maximum of two FTE segments per day may be counted at the gifted weight. The teacher must document the curriculum differentiation for the gifted student(s) by completing individual or group contracts which include a description of the course curriculum which clearly defines how the advanced course content, teaching strategies, pacing, process skills, and assessments differ from courses more typical for students at that grade level. Dates and amount of time (in segments) the student(s) will be engaged in the higher-level activities and how the students will be evaluated (formative and summative). To earn FTE gifted funding, the teacher must have a completed content-area GaPSC-approved certification and have a GaPSC-approved gifted endorsement or be actively enrolled/participating in a gifted endorsement program.

Advanced Content: Students may be homogeneously grouped based on achievement and interestsin any content area: ELA, math, science, social studies, world languages, fine arts, computer science, and .0. This model may include students who are not identified as gifted, but who demonstrate exceptional ability and motivation in a particular content area. A description of the course curriculum which clearly defines how the advanced course content, teaching strategies, pacing, process skills, and assessments differ from courses more typical for students at that grade level.

For additional information and details, refer to the GaDOE Gifted Resource Manual.

Gifted Liaison Responsibilities

An assigned gifted liaison(s) is represented by every school in the DeKalb County School District. The liaison is selected by the school's administration.

The gifted liaison's responsibilities include, but are not limited to,:

- 1. Review gifted reports.
- 2. Maintain and retain records of all students tested.
- 3. Arrange for testing of students.
- 4. Update Permanent Records.
- 5. Review Gifted Cycle Reports and identify students who need further evaluation (Step II).
- 6. Obtain permission to test students with the *Parent Consent to Evaluate (PCE)*. The *Gifted Brochure* must accompany this letter.
- 7. If students qualify in at least three out of four categories, please send the following forms to the parent/guardian: Letter of Eligibility, Eligibility Report, Continuation Agreement, and the Local School's Program Description. The Permanent Record for eligible students should contain the Permanent Record Cover Sheet, copy of the Eligibility Report, and a current signed copy of the Continuation Agreement.
- 8. Using information from the *Eligibility Report*, determine which students meet the required criteria in three of the four areas. Enter all new test data and run the Gifted Processing Cycle.
- 9. Prepare the appropriate paperwork for qualified students and send to parent/guardian in a timely manner.
- 10. Prepare the appropriate paperwork for non-qualified students; *Eligibility Status* letter and the *Eligibility Report* in a timely manner.
- 11. Conference with parent/guardian as needed.
- 12. Automated Processing System within the student information system determines students eligible for gifted services and referred for further evaluation.

Eligibility Team

Each school is required by Option B (Multiple Criteria for Gifted/SBOE Rule 160-4-2-.38) to have a local school Eligibility Team. The primary duty of the Eligibility Team is to analyze data (as needed) to determine the appropriate next steps in the gifted eligibility or probationary processes. The Eligibility Team may also meet to discuss acceleration of students. Documentation of the meetings should be retained in the Gifted Files.

The Eligibility Team should include the following: an administrator, gifted liaison(s), classroom teacher of record, and classroom teachers from each grade level (preferably certified in gifted education). The gifted liaison will serve as chairperson. The gifted liaison and the administrator are responsible for training the faculty on the eligibility process.



Parent Consent for Evaluation (PCE)

Dear Parent/Gua	rdian:		
Your child,	, is referred for fu	rther evaluation for gifted services based on one	e of the
following:			
Achieve assessm		er Reading or Math on the Fall, Winter, or Sprin	g MAP
• Achieve		iding or Math on the Fall or Winter MAP assessr rement domain, using the *lowa Test of Basic Sk	
Scored administration		vity and Motivation domains from the Renzulli	
0	May be additionally screened using the Cog in February (Winter).	gnitive Abilities Test (CogAT) for Mental Ability d	omain
To further evalua Menta	ite, we need permission to test your child in	one or more of the following domains:	
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☐ Motiva			
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YES , I give	permission for evaluation.		
	ot give permission for evaluation.		
Student:	Teacher:	Grade:	
	Name:		
	Email:		
Parent/Guardian	Phone Number:		
Parent/Guardian	Signature:	Date:	
When the evalua	tion has been completed, you will be notifie	d in writing of your child's eligibility status, plea	se call
	if you have any questions.		
Sincerely,			

Gifted Liaison





School Name
Street Address
City, State Zip Code
678-XXX-XXXX

Date

Notification of Gifted Evaluation

Dear Parent/Guardian,	
Georgia's multiple criteria for criteria necessary for placer district's gifted identification	, was evaluated for gifted eligibility. According to the State of or gifted/SBOE Rule 160-4-238 guidelines, your child did not meet the ment in the gifted program at this time. Be advised that data sets used in the n process are valid for two years and may be considered in the future. Igibility Report and the Gifted Brochure to better explain your child's eligibility
Sincerely,	
Gifted Liaison	





Street Address City, State Zip Code 678-XXX-XXX

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Letter of Eligibility

Dear Parent/Guardian:
Your child,, has met the requirements for gifted services according to Georgia Department of Education's SBOE Rule 160-4-238.
Please find the attached:
 ◆Eligibility Report ◆Local school's program description ◆Gifted Brochure ◆Continuation Agreement (to be signed and returned annually)
A parent/guardian signature is required on the Continuation Agreement form. Please sign and return the Continuation Agreement Form.
Sincerely,
Gifted Liaison

Gifted Eligibility Report

The Gifted Eligibility Report must be accessed through Infinite Campus, SIS Gifted. Students are assessed in four domains:

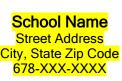
- Mental Ability
- Achievement
- Creativity
- Motivation

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Nonverbal	Mar-2013	333	Complete Composite	Spring Mar-2013	10	Sep-1967	77			Or GPA 3.5 or greater (Grades 9-12)	3.60
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	Apr-2014	444	SAT (Verb)	Nov-1968	600						
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RECOMMENDATION: ELIGIBLE XXX NOT ELIGIBLE XXX PENDING STEP II XXX REENTRY XXX ELIGIBLE/MISSING TEST XXX											
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Date

Gifted Continuation Agreement (Required Annually)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

State guidelines for the program require that the parent/guardian receive a written description of our local school system's Continuation Agreement for gifted education. The criteria listed below outlines the Continuation Agreement in the gifted program for students in grades K-12:

- 1. Maintain a satisfactory/passing grade in the gifted class(es) if service is through the resource model. *Note that P= a passing grade of 70% 100%. Gifted students must maintain a minimum of 80% or higher in their scheduled gifted class(es) to prevent probationary status.
- 2. Maintain a cumulative "B" average (not less than 80%) in the appropriate gifted class(es).
- 3. Performance criteria for continuation in the gifted class(es) will be reviewed if the student's overall achievement is deemed unsatisfactory.

If the Continuation Agreement criteria have not been met, then the items listed below are procedures for probation in the gifted program:

- 1. The local Eligibility Team for gifted meets and reviews the student's progress in the gifted class(es).
- 2. The student is placed on probation for one semester.
- 3. The teacher of gifted notifies parent/guardian through deficiencies and the Probation/Release form.
- 4. A written plan for improvement is developed.
- 5. A student on probation continues to attend the class(es) in the gifted program.
- 6. The Eligibility Team reconvenes toward the end of the semester to review the student's progress. If the student meets the criteria outlined above, he/she is removed from probationary status. The parent/guardian is informed of this decision through the completed Probation/Release form.
- 7. If the student continues not to meet the continuation criteria, then the parent/guardian receives a letter of notification (Probation/Release form) that the student will be scheduled back into the regular education program for one semester.
- 8. At the end of that semester, the Eligibility Team will again review the student's progress.
- 9. He/she may re-enter the gifted program at the beginning of the new semester if he/she maintains an 80% G.P.A. or higher in the achievement/subject area in which he/she qualified.

Sincerely,		
Gifted Liaison		
Student:	Homeroom Teacher:	Grade:
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:	

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			DeKalb County School District	CEO & Superintendent
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Date				
		Gifted Probation/Rel	lease Form	
Studen	t:		Homeroom Teacher:	Grade:
Eligibili	ity team me	mbers:		
Conce				
>	Failure to p	properly prepare home	work/classwork assignments	
>	Improper o	classroom participation	, attentiveness; focus and/or moti	vation
>	Unsatisfac	tory test and quiz grade	es	
>	Unsatisfac	tory classroom conduct	i .	
>	Tardiness			
>	Failure to p	properly submit assigne	ed project (s)	
>	Other:			
	mendations			
>	Satisfactor	ily complete and submi	it homework/classwork assignmer	nts on time
+	Score 80%	or higher on all tests a	nd quizzes	
+	Display sat	isfactory conduct to inc	clude participation, attentiveness;	focus and/or motivation →
	Come to cl	ass on time		
+	Other:			
		od – One semester:		

The Eligibility Team reviews the results of the probationary period to determine the following actions:

→ Has MET criteria and is able to return to the gifted program

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Beginning Date: _____

Indicate class(es) of Probationary status:

→ Has NOT met criteria and student will be released from gifted services on ______.

------School Use Only-----

Gifted Liaison Signature: _____

Date: _____

Final Review Date: _____



Principal Signature:	Dat	

School Name
Street Address
City, State Zip Code
678-XXX-XXX

DeKalb County
Send a copy to the Senior Coordinator for Gifted Education.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

orton
CEO & Superintendent

Date

Parent/Guardian Optional Student Release from Gifted Form

Student:	Homeroom Tead	cher: Grade:
Student number:	School:	Date released:
Reason for release:		
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Principal Signature:		Date:
Homeroom Teacher:		Date:
Gifted Liaison Signature:		Date:

Date: _____



Send a copy to the Se DeKalb County for Gifted Education.

Annual Review Form

School Year:					
Student's Name:	School:				
Grade Level:	Date:				
Gifted Teacher(s):					
Delivery Model (Please indicate t	he gifted service model used):				
Resource Model: object	tives:				
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Acceleration (Please indicate app	royed acceleration process):				
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Accelerated Student					
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	components used and objectives:				
riovide additional acceleration c	omponents used and objectives.				
Indication of Student Performance	 :e:				
4 Exceptio	nal Performance, Student exceeds expectations				
3 Student	Performance Meets Expectations (Program Expectations)				
	Performance Partially Meets Expectations				
1 Student I	Performance Needs Improvement				
Recommendation	ns for next year:				
Continued placen	nent in the indicated program placement				
Continued placem	ent in the indicated program placement with the following				
modifications:					
	performance expected. Semester review meeting required.				
Enriched a	activities encouraged/differentiated instruction. Student should take				
on additio	nal challenging activities when possible.				
Restricted	continued placement. Student must improve work in the regular				
classroom	continuing service. Student is currently on probation.				
Due to pro	obationary status, student is removed from the program services.				
Comments:					

Teacher's Signature	
Conference Date (if needed):	
School Copy- to be stored with Gifted Liaison	

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Gifted Files and Permanent Records

Gifted Files – to be stored with the gifted liaison

There are documents to be collected and filed alphabetically by student's last name and maintained in the building indefinitely.

- Annual Review
- Eligibility Report
- Parent Consent to Evaluate (PCE) for any students needing further evaluation
- •Signed Gifted Continuation Agreement (required annually)
- Signed Probation Forms

Permanent Records

This information is required for all students, especially when they transfer or transition to a different school.

- Permanent Record Cover Sheet usually copied on red paper so it is easily visible
- Eligibility Report
- Signed Gifted Continuation Agreement (required annually) most recent/current
- Probation Forms (if applicable)

DO NOT PURGE FROM STUDENT RECORD

Gifted Program Permanent Record Cover Sheet

Student Name: _	
Student #:	

- Permanent Record Cover Sheet usually copied on red paper so it is easily visible
- Eligibility Report
- signed Gifted Continuation Agreement (required annually) most recent/current
- Gifted Probation Forms (if applicable)

Gifted Testing Procedures

Standardized tests administered within the past two years will be reviewed to determine if the scores meet the Georgia eligibility criteria. Local schools will be responsible for scheduling tests for students new to the district. Students will not be tested until they are enrolled and attending a DeKalb County School.

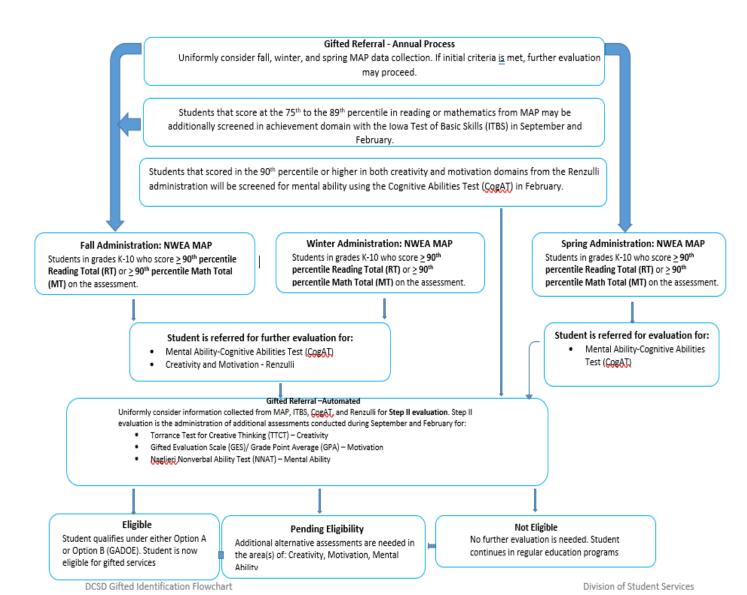
- All DeKalb County School District students in kindergarten through 10th grade are universally screened for gifted identification through the Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). All three administrations (Fall, Winter, and Spring) of the MAP Assessment will be considered. Students that meet the 90% or higher in reading or math will be screened in the Mental Ability domain, using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT).
- Additional screening in the Achievement domain, using the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), for students who scored at least the 75th – 89th percentile in Reading or Math on the Fall or Winter MAP.
- Additional screening using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) for Mental Ability domain for students who scored at least the 90th percentile in both Creativity and Motivation on the Renzulli instrument, who are not already gifted-identified.
- Test scores used to establish eligibility shall be current within two calendar years.
- For eligibility purposes, outside testing is defined as any licensed/private facility; testing conducted outside of the testing cycle. Outside testing (by a licensed psychologist) may be used as evidence for further evaluation, however, may not be used for placement.
- See the district's gifted identification flow chart on the next page.

Exceptions

- •If a student in grades K-2 has a qualifying achievement score and a 99% complete composite on the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), he/she may be placed in the gifted program. However, evidence in all four categories must be collected.
- •If a student in grades 3-12 has a qualifying achievement score and a 96% complete composite on the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), he/she may be placed in the gifted program. However, evidence in all four categories must be collected.

Forms to Send Home

Qualified Student	Nonqualified Student
●Letter of Eligibility	Notification of Gifted Evaluation
●Eligibility Report	●Eligibility Report
●Gifted Brochure	●Gifted Brochure
●Local School's Program Description	
●Gifted Continuation Agreement (required annually)	



Students Transferring into DeKalb County School District

Transfer from within the State of Georgia

A student already participating in a gifted program in Georgia will most likely be transferred into the DeKalb County School District's gifted program. However, the Eligibility Team will review the student's records and test data for compliance according to the state of Georgia's criteria for placement into a gifted program. New students will not be coded as gifted and/or placed in gifted class(es) until all documentation has been reviewed.

Transfer from outside the State of Georgia

Students identified as gifted from another state and are transferring to DeKalb County School District must meet the state of Georgia's eligibility requirements for placement in the DCSD's Program for the Gifted. Reciprocity does not apply to out-of-state transfers and there is no interim placement for gifted students. There is no mandated reciprocity between states unless the student is a dependent of military personnel as provided in O.C.G.A. 20-2-2140 et.seq.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Gifted teachers and all certified staff are invited to participate in professional development opportunities. Sessions are offered throughout the year from the Gifted Education Department in Students Services. Teachers are encouraged to explore other opportunities for professional development from organizations like the Georgia Association for Gifted Children (GAGC).

Online Resources

DeKalb County School District https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/gifted/

DeKalb County Gifted SharePoint Site (internal only) https://dcsd.sharepoint.com/sites/DCSDGifted

Georgia Association for Gifted Children https://gagc.org/

National Association for Gifted Children http://www.nagc.org/

Parent Involvement

The Gifted Education Department will host three parent informational sessions during the 2024-2025 school year (8/20, 11/12, and 1/21) to learn about the characteristics of giftedness, process for gifted identification, how gifted-identified students are served, and resources available to students and parents.

Gifted liaisons should provide opportunities for involving family and the community in the support and advocacy for gifted education students.

The Gifted Liaison and schools are required to involve parents of gifted students in activities which encourage the academic development and success of the students. Records should be kept of these opportunities.

The Gifted Liaison and schools are to inform parents of gifted students of district-wide gifted programs, activities, and enrichment camps such as Serendipity Summer Enrichment.

The Gifted Liaison and schools are to share the district's website at https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/.

The Gifted Liaison and schools are to provide opportunities for community involvement through the encouragement of academic mentors and program involvement through guest speakers and lecturers.

The Gifted Liaison should establish and maintain a local school gifted website sharing with parents gifted program updates, activities, and scheduled events.