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South Carolina Academic Screening Process

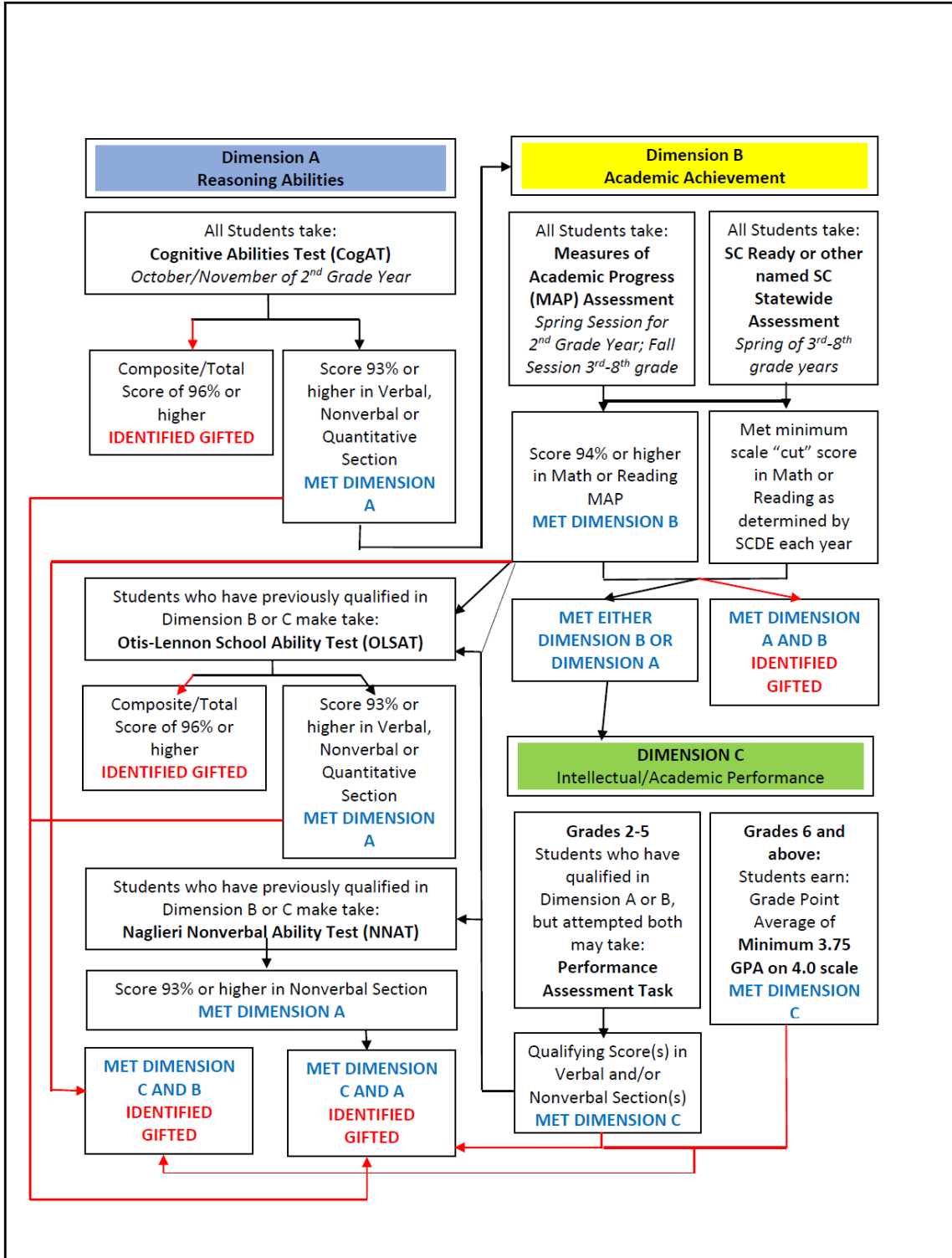
R 43-220 specifies that districts must screen all students with regard to aptitude and achievement (24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-220.2(B)(6)(a)). Census testing (i.e., the testing of *every* student) for both aptitude and achievement should be administrated to all second-grade students in the state.

It is recommended that census testing also be conducted at points of significant programmatic changes for students (e.g., from an elementary pull-out program to a middle school special class with a specific subject-area focus).

As a best practice, census testing for aptitude and achievement is conducted on a yearly basis for the sole purpose of finding additional students for the program. Such testing may *not* be used for the removal of students who are already placed in the program. Once identified, students do not have to requalify for the gifted and talented program each year.

Whether or not additional census testing is done, the district should develop procedures to ensure that students who have not previously qualified for the gifted and talented program are not overlooked, that students who move into the district have the opportunity to be considered for placement, and that underrepresented student populations are assessed with appropriate instruments.

Beaufort County School District Screening and Identification Process Flowchart





BCSD Artistically Gifted and Talented Identification

The Beaufort County School District offers unique opportunities for creative expression and artistic growth to **Artistically Gifted and Talented 4th - 8th grade students**. Those who participate in the screening process and are successfully identified as gifted and talented in Dance, Theatre, Music, and Visual Arts according to the South Carolina Department of Education regulations are eligible to participate in extra arts opportunities offered by individual schools.

The school district sponsors various performing arts festivals, art exhibitions and the 2-week *Sea Island School for Arts and Academics (SISA2)* which enable young talents to pursue their art studies in depth and to learn first-hand from professional artists and master teachers.

GT Arts Registration Information:

Registration accepted online (<https://goo.gl/forms/ILCcrKrXxA2vq6g92>) Application deadline is FEBRUARY 24, 2017. Applications will not be processed after this date. Applicants will be notified by email to confirm their screening date, location, and appointment time.

**Students selected for State Band, Orchestra, or Chorus automatically qualify as Artistically GT.

Audition Dates & Locations:

Thursday, March 16th, 2017 at Beaufort Middle School
Saturday, March 23rd, 2017 at Beaufort Middle School

Thursday, March 18th, 2017 at Hilton Head School for Creative Arts
Saturday, March 25th, 2017 at Hilton Head School for Creative Arts

Students may select either location regardless of where they live

Audition / Portfolio Review Requirements

Students who are not fully prepared with the required visual art portfolio or performing arts piece will not be screened.

Visual Art applicants must bring a folder containing the four pieces of original artwork listed below. On the back of each piece, print student's name and school.

Students may use their choice of materials.

1. In pencil, on one piece of paper, make a line drawing of three different shoes grouped together.
2. Using color, create a landscape of your neighborhood.
3. Create a self-portrait while looking in a mirror.
4. Create an original artwork of your choice (cartoons not accepted).

For the audition, applicants will be asked to draw a still life on site. Materials will be provided. *Audition Length: Approximately 70 minutes*

Dance applicants must come prepared with a memorized, 1-2-minute dance solo. Bring music on CD or iPod. Speakers will be provided. For the audition, applicants will perform short dance sequences learned on site. Wear dance attire or clothing and shoes that allow free movement. Long hair must be pulled back securely.

Drama applicants must come prepared with a memorized, 1-2-minute monologue of their choice. For the audition, applicants will be asked to improvise a mimed interpretation and a short scene.

Vocal Music applicants must come prepared to sing "America, My Country 'Tis of Thee" without piano accompaniment using pleasing tones and correct pitches. For the audition, applicants will be asked to sing harmony patterns and echo melodic patterns.

Instrumental Music applicants must bring their instrument and come prepared with a 1-2-minute solo. For the audition, applicants will be asked to duplicate rhythmic and melodic patterns, play scales and demonstrate basic sight-reading.

For more information about Beaufort County School District's Artistically Gifted and Talented identification process, contact the Fine Arts Coordinator heather.brabham@beaufort.k12.sc.u

