

## Referral and Screening

Referrals for the Gifted and Talented Program may be made by parents, teachers, counselors, community members, or self-nomination. Students may be referred each year, but the prior testing data may be considered valid for two years.

- Elementary students in kindergarten through fourth grade must meet the Phase I criteria on the ability test in order to move forward to the Phase II portion of the screening process. Phase II involves the achievement test.
- Secondary students will take both the ability and the achievement tests.
- The ability test is a nationally normed, standardized test. This assessment shows a student's ability to reason and problem solve relative to the national normative data.

## Gifted Program Ability Assessments Score Requirements:

Composite Scores must total in the 95% range.

## Gifted Program Achievement Score Requirements:

The instrument includes the following sections:

Reading/Vocabulary, Language Written Expression, Mathematics, Science.

- Reading/ELA – Students must receive a 95% or higher on either the Reading/ELA portion or the Total Math Composite portion of the test.
- Total Math Composite – Students must receive a 95% or higher on either the Reading/ELA portion or the Total Math Composite portion of the test.
- Total Science Composite- Students must receive a 95% or higher on either the Reading/ELA portion or the Total Math Composite portion of the test.