

GIFTED EDUCATION

Gifted students are those who perform at or who have demonstrated the potential to perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared to others of their age, experience, or environment. These students require services not ordinarily provided by the regular school program. Students possessing these abilities can be found in all populations, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor.

Teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, or any other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities may refer a student. Additionally, all second grade students will be observed as potential gifted referrals using a gifted behavior checklist. For each student referred, information is gathered in the areas of aptitude, characteristics, and performance. The information is entered on a matrix where points are assigned according to established criteria. The total number of points earned determines student qualification for gifted services.

The Jasper City School System shall prohibit discrimination against any student on the above basis with respect to his/her participation in the gifted program.

The Jasper City School System attempts to ensure comparable services by requiring teachers to obtain gifted certification within three years of hire date. Jasper City Schools also provides in-service training and regularly scheduled gifted staff meetings to provide a continuous exchange of ideas between teachers of the gifted and the coordinator for the gifted. The Jasper City School System offers a continuum of services in gifted education for grades kindergarten through twelve. Please contact the Director of Special Education at (205) 384-6880 or the school principal for additional information.