

Gifted Education Identification Process

Elementary and Middle School 2016-2019

(Student is provided differentiated instruction and enrichment experiences based on demonstrated need.)

Process for Referral to School Gifted Program Team

Referral (nomination) is an ongoing process in Grades 3-8 ∇

School Screens/ Gifted Education Specialist

Screening or Annual Review for all students initiates nominations* or change in types of services from the school based on the following criteria:

- 90% or above on Beginning of Grade test (BOG) – Grade 3 OR score within the top 15% of subgroup****
- 90% or above on End of Grade (EOG) tests gr. 4-7 OR score within the top 15% of subgroup
- Qualifying district administered grade level achievement test at 90% or above in area of strength Reading (R) or Math (M)
- Standardized aptitude test score (ex: CogAT) at 85%tile or above OR score within the top 15% of subgroup
- Observation data from primary grades research-based tool (TOPS) 3rd Grade only
- Current enrollment in middle school compacted math
- District Gifted Education
 Specialist (GES) Team
 determination to screen based on
 body of evidence
- Screen for LEAP testing- 97%
 Reading and Math Achievement testing and 97% on the composite CogAT score or independent test score

Classroom teacher Screen

Nomination may be based on the following criteria:

- Student work portfolio
- Gifted and Talented Evaluation Scales (GATES)
- Student
 Interview
 conducted by
 GES

Parent/Guardian/ Community Member/ Middle School Student Nomination

Nomination may be based on exceptional performance on the following criteria: [rarely K-2]

- Scores from achievement tests[^]
 other than the EOG at 90% or above (no more than 24 months old and can include outside testing)
- Standardized aptitude test score[^] at 90% or above (no more than 24 months old and can include outside testing)
- GATES (request from school)
- Gifted identification in another school district (Must provide supporting evidence)
- HG Screen Grades 3-7 requires: Aptitude^/CogAT: 97% or higher (V or QN) and

Achievement: 97% or higher Reading **or** Math

• LEAP Screen Grades 3-7 requires: Aptitude^/CogAT: 97% or higher (V and QN) and Achievement: 97% or higher Reading and Math

^ For parent referrals see district website for "Guidelines for Outside Evaluations:" NOTE: CHCCS administers The IOWA two grades above student's current grade. Grade level norms applied for Gifted and Highly Gifted identification

 Parents are notified by the school GES of their child's eligibility for nomination through district screening. It is the parent's responsibility to submit a valid Nomination form for Gifted /LEAP to the school GES on or before the deadline.

Nomination deadline:

See Important Dates in Gifted Education

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Building the Student Profile for Gifted Education

- Assessments:
 - o Aptitude Testing
 - o Achievement Testing
- Gathering Qualitative Evidence (may include the following):
 - Checklists
 - Portfolio
 - Student interview

After assessments are completed:

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The School Gifted Program Team (GPT) reviews the nomination and student profile to determine if there is evidence of need for services or if additional evidence or review is required.

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School Gifted Program Team Decision

If School GPT determines there is a need for identification: (see short of Git

identification: (see chart of Gifted Education Services: Nomination and Identification)

- Parents are notified of identification outcomes.
- In the Fall of the following school year a DEP** will be sent home to parents.

If School GPT determines there is not sufficient evidence that the student needs services at this time:(see

<u>chart of Gifted Education</u> <u>Services: Nomination and</u> <u>Identification</u>)

- Parents are notified of identification outcomes.
- Core education services will continue.

If School GPT determines student meets criteria for LEAP review:

(see chart of Gifted Education Services: Nomination and Identification)

 GES sends the nomination and student profile to the District Gifted Identification Committee (DGIC). The DGIC reviews each student profile and makes LEAP placement decisions.

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District Gifted Identification Committee Decision for LEAP

If DGIC determines there is a need for LEAP: (see chart of Gifted Education Services: Nomination and Identification)

- Parents are notified of identification outcomes.
- In the Fall of the following school year an IDEP** will be sent home to parents.

If DGIC determines there is not sufficient evidence and makes a "no placement" decision: (see chart of Gifted Education Services: Nomination and Identification)

- Parents are notified of identification outcomes.
- Parents may make inquiries to the Coordinator of Gifted Services about their child's LEAP testing results.
- The GES in the home school will review the student's status for placement in other gifted program options. In the Fall of the following school year a DEP will be sent home to parents.

Annual Review of Identified Students By School Gifted Program Team***

In the fall of the following school year the School Gifted Program Team will meet to review EOG assessments and the DEP to determine

- continued need for Gifted Education Services or
- recommend supports.

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^{*}Nomination forms and additional information are available on the CHCCS website: <a href="http://www.chccs.k12.nc.us/academics

^{***}The Annual Review for students in LEAP is conducted by the LEAP teachers.

^{****}Subgroups include: Ethnically/Culturally Diverse, Limited English Proficient, Economically Disadvantaged, Students With Disabilities