

Chattooga County Schools Program for the Gifted



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Section One
Description of Program
Chattooga County School System
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 Program Description

I. Program’s Major Goals:

- To provide for the extension or enrichment of learning
- To develop individual potential
- To provide enhancement of the gifted student’s self concept
- To develop cognitive learning
- To develop research and reference skills
- To develop metacognitive skills

II. Instructional/Content Area Focus:

Instruction for identified gifted students is provided in one or more of the following content areas:

Language Arts Mathematics Science Social Studies

III. Delivery Models:

The following delivery models are offered at varying schools and grades depending on schedules and sites:

Resource	Cluster	Collaborative	Honors and/or AP Classes	Innovative
Lyerly Elementary	Leroy Massey Elementary	Leroy Massey Elementary School	Chattooga High School	Leroy Massey Elementary School
	Lyerly Elementary	Lyerly Elementary School		Lyerly Elementary School
	Menlo Elementary	Menlo Elementary		Menlo Elementary
	Summerville Middle	Summerville Middle		

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Philosophy

The Chattooga County School System has as its responsibility the provision of an educational program of high quality tailored to the current and future needs of the individual student as well as to those of the community of which the schools are a significant part.

It is the further responsibility of the school system to recognize the uniqueness of the individual; to contribute to his growth and development – physically, intellectually, and socially; and to provide opportunities for learning which will enable the individual to function as an active participant in a democratic society, thereby strengthening the society.

In pursuing these goals, the system strives to provide an educational environment in which equality of opportunity is an integral part. In addition, the daily program provides opportunities to develop respect for the worth, dignity, and ability of the individual; respect for moral and spiritual values and ethical standards of conduct; and respect for the nation's heritage and its principles.

The overall aim in the Program for the Gifted is to provide for the extension and enrichment of learning opportunities, development of individual potential, enhancement of the gifted student's self concept, and advancement toward becoming an independent learner beyond the opportunities/experience of the regular classroom, as well as providing differentiated curricula offerings.

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Notice

The Chattooga County School System will notify parents and guardians of all students in writing of the eligibility criteria and referral process for the Program for the Gifted via the Program for the Gifted Handbook, which is posted on the district website.

Parents or guardians of potentially gifted students and/or eligible students for gifted services will receive the following information:

1. Initial consideration of gifted services – parents and/or guardians shall be afforded an opportunity for a conference to discuss student eligibility criteria and/or placement if requested
2. Student’s eligibility status following assessment
3. Continuation criteria for students identified and placed in the Program for the Gifted
4. Delivery model, teaching strategies and allotment of time in terms of FTE segments that is scheduled to provide gifted services to each student
5. Length and guidelines regarding a probationary period and criteria for reinstatement to gifted services

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Outside Data

The Chattooga County School System will accept outside school system data if it does not replace or substitute data previously generated and obtained for eligibility placement by school system personnel.

Thus, if a student from outside the Chattooga County School System submits data and meets the Georgia eligibility criteria for gifted education services, he/she will be considered eligible to receive gifted education services in Chattooga County School System. However, a student transferring from one school system to Chattooga County School System shall meet the criteria for continuation of gifted services established by the Chattooga County Board of Education.

Reciprocity

Any student who meets the initial eligibility criteria in this rule for gifted education services in one LEA shall be considered eligible to receive gifted education services in any LEA within the state.

- As described in the section on Reciprocity in the GaDOE Resource Manual for Gifted Education Services, a student transferring from one LEA to another within the state shall meet the criteria for continuation of gifted services established by the LBOE of the receiving school system.

- 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.

When an eligible gifted education student transfers from a state-funded school or school district in Georgia, the receiving school or district should carefully review the student's gifted education records. If gifted education records are not available, school personnel should contact the transferring district or school to obtain the student's gifted education records before placing the student into the gifted education program. The receiving district or school should honor the continuation policy of the transferring school. The continuation or probation plan should be completed in the receiving district's gifted content area in question if the receiving district has gifted services in that content area. The student should be admitted into any other gifted courses to align with the student's original schedule in good standing. Gifted education programs are not federally funded or mandated, which means each state sets their own guidelines and funding standards. Therefore, a student who is eligible for services in one state is not automatically eligible in Georgia. The receiving school or school district in Georgia should complete an eligibility evaluation on out of state transfer students in a timely manner.

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Gifted Education Curriculum

Differentiated Curriculum

Curricula for gifted education learners must incorporate the SBOE-approved standards. Local BOE curricula for gifted students focuses on developing cognitive learning, research and reference, and metacognitive skills at each grade grouping, using principles of differentiation.

Differentiated instruction is a teaching theory based on the premise that instructional approaches should vary and be adapted in relation to individual and diverse students in classrooms (Tomlinson, 2011). The model of differentiated instruction requires teachers to be flexible in their approach to teaching and adjust the curriculum and presentation of information to learners rather than expecting students to modify themselves for the curriculum (Hall, 2011).

A differentiated curriculum for gifted learners includes the following expectations: Content: Complex and challenging subject matter that:

- Requires intellectual struggle
- Utilizes primary documents
- Integrates research skills and methods
- Incorporates relevant and real-life experiences
- Integrates interdisciplinary connections

Process: Instructional strategies are designed to:

- Emphasize higher-order thinking, problem-solving and communication skills
- Foster self-initiated and self-directed learning
- Promote creative application of ideas
- Model and encourage academic discussion

Product: Gifted student products should demonstrate a developmentally appropriate capacity for:

- Self-directed learning
- Meaningful collaboration
- Effective problem-solving of challenging and complex issues
- Effective communication

Environmental: Physical setting and work conditions to:

- Change the actual place where students work
- Allow flexible time
- Provide opportunities for independent study and in-depth research
- Provide opportunities for mentorship

Assessment: Gifted learners need various methods and opportunities to document mastery of curriculum, such as:

- Pre/post-tests
- Self-assessment through rubrics
- Creation of goal-based checklists
- Conferencing, commentary, and qualitative feedback (Cobb, 2012)

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Delivery Models

Students identified as gifted whose participation has received parental consent must receive at least five segments per week (or the yearly equivalent) of gifted education services using one of the following GaDOE-approved models. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will make a description of the differentiated curricula and delivery models used for the instruction of gifted students available to the public and GaDOE upon request. In forming classes, schools need to adhere to federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, disabilities, and economic background.

A differentiated curriculum is defined as courses of study in which the content, teaching strategies, and expectations of student mastery have been adjusted to be appropriate for gifted students. In the delivery models described below, the instruction must be based on the Georgia curriculum standards. These regulations also describe the requirements that must be met in order to count the instructional segments provided by any of these models at the gifted weight in full time equivalency (FTE) reporting. In the event that regular school operation is interrupted, all models can be utilized virtually.

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) requires that gifted education teachers have a gifted education endorsement attached to their Georgia Teaching Certificate or be actively enrolled/participating in a gifted endorsement program. Best practice would be for the teacher to apply for an N3T or I3T certificate while the teacher is working on the gifted endorsement program. Unless noted otherwise, the total class size is specified by the SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.08.

Resource Class (K-12)

1. All students must have been identified as gifted by SBOE criteria.
2. The curriculum must have an academic content foundation based on the Georgia curriculum standards, but it should focus on interdisciplinary enrichment activities and not any one content area.
3. The content and pacing should be differentiated to the degree that the activities are clearly not appropriate for more typical students at that grade level.
4. Gifted students may receive no more than ten gifted FTE segments per week of resource class service.
5. To earn FTE gifted funding, the teacher must
 - have 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 (K-12)

1. Students are homogeneously grouped based on achievement and interests in any content area: ELA, math, science, social studies, world languages, fine arts, computer science, and .0 Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education-CTAE courses.
2. The district may elect to include students who are not identified as gifted, but who demonstrate exceptional ability and motivation in a particular content area.
3. The local district must establish criteria and guidelines that identify gifted and regular education students who will be successful in advanced content classes.
4. The local board of education must maintain a description of the course curriculum which very clearly shows how the advanced course content, teaching strategies, pacing, process skills, and assessments

differ from courses more typical for students at that grade level.

5. Identified gifted students in the advanced content course may be counted at the gifted FTE weight. Students who are not identified as gifted must be counted at the regular education FTE weight.
6. Gifted students may receive no more than two gifted FTE segments per day of advanced content services in the same content area.
7. Gifted Honors (6-12), Cambridge Middle School, IB Middle Years Programme (IBMYP), and Pre-AP courses to earn FTE gifted funding must have:
 - The teacher must have the appropriate content-area GaPSC-approved certificate in the specific honors course
 - The teacher has a current GaPSC-issued gifted endorsement **or** is actively enrolled/participating in a gifted endorsement program.
 - The Cambridge, IB, or Pre-AP teacher must complete the appropriate professional development courses required by Cambridge, College Board, or IB.
8. Gifted FTE segment(s) may not be earned in the advanced content service model if a gifted student is already receiving a cluster or collaborative gifted FTE segment in the same content area. For example, a student could not earn a gifted FTE segment in advanced content mathematics and earn a gifted FTE segment in the cluster or collaboration model in mathematics.
9. To earn FTE gifted funding, the teacher must
 - Have 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 Classes: Grades 9-12-Advanced Placement (AP) course, International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, and Cambridge courses

Students are homogeneously grouped based on achievement and interests in any content area: ELA, math, science, social studies, world languages, fine arts, computer science, and .0 Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education-CTAE courses.

The district may elect to include students who are not identified as gifted but who have demonstrated exceptional ability and motivation in a particular content area.

1. The local board of education must maintain a description of the course curriculum, which is based on the College Board, the International Baccalaureate (IB) framework, or the Cambridge framework. These frameworks very clearly show how the AP, IB, and Cambridge advanced course content, teaching strategies, pacing skills, and assessments differ from the courses more typical for students at that grade level.
2. The total class size specified by the SBOE is 21 at the high school level.
3. In order to count the gifted students in grades 9-12 in AP, IB, and/or Cambridge courses at the gifted FTE weight, the teacher must have the following qualifications:
 - i. Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:
 - a. Content teacher with appropriate content-area GaPSC-approved certification AND one of the following:
 - The teacher has a current GaPSC-issued gifted endorsement/certification **or** is actively enrolled/participating in a gifted endorsement program OR
 - The teacher has completed the appropriate Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) training endorsed by the College Board for that specific AP course **and** has completed a 10- hour gifted professional development course in nature and needs of gifted learners and curriculum differentiation for gifted learners.

- ii. International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Courses or Cambridge high school courses:
 - a. Content teacher with appropriate content-area GaPSC-approved certification AND one of the following:
 - The teacher has a current GaPSC-issued gifted endorsement certification **or** is actively enrolled/participating in a gifted endorsement program OR
 - The teacher has completed the appropriate training endorsed by IB for that specific IB course or by Cambridge for that specific Cambridge course **and** has completed a 10- hour gifted professional development course in nature and needs of gifted learners and curriculum differentiation for gifted learners.

Cluster Grouping (K-12)

Identified gifted students are placed as a group (recommended 6-8 students) into an otherwise heterogeneous classroom rather than being dispersed among all the rooms/courses at that grade level.

1. To earn FTE gifted funding, the teacher must
 - Have completed content-area GAPSC-approved certification **and**
 - Have a GaPSC-approved gifted endorsement **or** be actively enrolled/participating in a gifted endorsement program.
2. A maximum of two gifted 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 the following requirements:
 - A description of the course curriculum which is based on Georgia standards that very clearly shows how the advanced course content, teaching strategies, pacing, process skills, and assessments differ from courses more typical for student(s) 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).
3. The superintendent must sign assurances that this model has been used appropriately, and that the proper documentation has been collected and evaluated for its effectiveness.

Innovative Models

GaDOE encourages the development of innovative programs for gifted students which are clearly in accordance with the needs of the gifted learners and the philosophy of the district. To earn gifted FTE funding for this model, the gifted education teacher for the innovative model must have an appropriate GaPSC-approved certification and a GaPSC-approved gifted endorsement or be actively participating/enrolled in a gifted endorsement program.

School districts implementing a gifted program delivery model other than one of the models described previously need to keep on file a plan that clearly describes the rationale for the special model, the goals and objectives for the program, the advanced nature of the curriculum which will be provided to gifted learners, how the model's effectiveness will be evaluated, how gifted FTE funding will be generated and documented, and the anticipated fiscal impact of the model (i.e., how many FTEs will be generated).

1. To ensure appropriate development of the innovative programs for gifted students, school districts may contact the Gifted Education and Advanced Academics unit for guidance.
2. For the FY26 school year and following years, the Innovative model plans must be submitted by April 15th of the previous school year, in essence in the spring (April 15th) before the new school year starts.
3. The Gifted Education and Advanced Academics team may approve the submissions for one or two years of implementation. The request for the two-year implementation must be included in the initial submission.
4. On September 1st of each school year, the superintendent must sign assurances that this model is being used appropriately, and that the proper documentation is being collected and evaluated for its effectiveness.

Collaborative Teaching (K-12)

Starting the 2024-2025 school year, a maximum of 10 identified gifted students are placed as a group in an otherwise heterogeneous classroom. Direct instruction is provided by the students' regular classroom teacher, who collaborates with a designated gifted education teacher. Substantial, regularly scheduled collaborative planning must exist between the regular classroom teacher and the gifted education teacher. The following requirements must be met to earn the gifted FTE weight:

1. The regular education teacher may only be in this collaborative gifted service delivery model for a maximum of two years.
 - During the two-year cycle, the regular education teacher should complete their gifted endorsements or for the high school regular education teachers, they should have APSI (Advanced Placement Summer Institute), IB, and/or Cambridge coursework **plus** 10-hour gifted professional development course requirements.
 - If the endorsement or other requirements are not completed, then there will be no gifted service delivery model attached to his/her classes.
2. The collaborating gifted education teacher must have a clear renewable GaPSC-approved gifted education endorsement **or** be actively enrolled/participating in a gifted endorsement program.
 - In grades 6-12, if the gifted endorsed teacher is working with regular education teachers, the gifted endorsed teacher should **have certification in the same content area or similar content areas as the regular education teacher when possible.**
 - Elementary gifted endorsed teachers should be certified in elementary education or appropriate certification.
3. The gifted endorsed teacher must observe in the regular education teacher's class where the gifted students are served through the collaborative model at least five times per semester for at least 20 minutes per observation. These observations will be documented and submitted to the gifted coordinator or designee.
4. The gifted education teacher, the regular classroom teacher, and the gifted student(s) (when appropriate) collaborate and document the development of differentiated instructional strategies, Georgia standards-based curriculum, and evaluation practices.
5. In certified personnel information, the regular education teacher is the teacher of record, and the gifted education program teacher is recorded in the consultative subject code. Content areas might

- include English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, world languages, and .0 CTAE (Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education), fine arts, and computer science courses.
6. The superintendent must sign assurances that this model has been used appropriately, and that the proper documentation has been collected and evaluated for its effectiveness.
 7. The collaborating regular classroom teacher and gifted education teacher must be provided adequate planning time, which must be documented and approved by the LEA (Local Education Agency). The gifted education teacher must be given one full period each week or its monthly equivalent during which he/she has only gifted education collaborative planning responsibilities (as determined by the local system).
 8. The total number of gifted students whose instruction may be modified through this collaborative approach may not exceed ten gifted students per class.
 9. Instructional segments that have been modified for gifted learners may be counted at the gifted FTE weight if the gifted education teacher and regular education teacher document the curriculum modifications made by the gifted teachers in the following ways:
 - District developed documentation that shows the reason(s) why any student whose instruction is counted at the gifted FTE weight needs an advanced curriculum in that specific content area (e.g., national norm-referenced tests and/or benchmark tests),
 - A time and discussion log of the collaborative planning sessions between the teachers, and
 - Documentation in lesson plans and individual/small group learning contracts noting the differentiated learning experiences for the gifted student(s) and alternative instructional strategies utilized.
 10. The gifted education collaborating teacher could have a maximum of nine gifted collaborative classes with a maximum of nine regular education teachers. Further, the maximum FTE segments per class should not exceed ten students. A minimum of a full period for planning per class is required per week or the equivalent.

Preparations for local level delivery models should be made for the planned discontinuation of the Collaborative Model in FY27 (June 30, 2026).

Internship/Mentorship (9-12)

Gifted students collaborate with a mentor to explore a profession or career of interest. The district may include students who are not identified as gifted, but who demonstrate exceptional ability and motivation in a particular content area. The local district must establish criteria and guidelines that identify gifted and regular education students who will be successful in internship/mentorship classes.

1. The gifted education program internship teacher (gifted endorsed) assigned to supervise the internship/mentorship program maintains close contact with both the participating student(s) and the selected mentor(s) to ensure acceptable progress toward the student's individual learning goals which are based on the approved Georgia standards-based curriculum. One or two instructional segments per day may be counted at the gifted FTE weight for gifted students participating in the internship/mentorship program.
2. To earn gifted FTE funding for this model, the gifted education program internship teacher must have a GaPSC-approved gifted endorsement **or** be actively enrolled/participating in a gifted endorsement program and be assigned to supervise the internship/mentorship program.
3. Each internship/mentorship student must have a contract which documents the work to be completed, the learning goals for the student, the dates and amount of time the student will be

- participating in the internship/mentorship, how the student's learning will be assessed, and the responsibilities of the gifted program internship teacher and the mentor.
4. This internship/mentorship is not intended or designed for the student to receive monetary compensation but as an internship/mentorship designed for exploration into a profession of interest.
 5. To ensure adequate time for the gifted education program internship teacher to monitor and assist students participating in internships/ mentorships, the teacher must be given one full period each day or its weekly equivalent during which the teacher has only gifted education internship/mentorship responsibilities (as determined by the local system) for every fifteen students for whom the teacher is supervising the internship/mentorship experience.

Directed Study (9-12)

Gifted students work under the direction of a gifted education endorsed teacher to explore a challenge/subject of interest. Students participate in self-initiated, teacher- directed, and approved courses of study in an area of interest as described in a written contract which is based on curriculum standards, research, and planned presentations. Independent study encourages student autonomy in planning, research, and problem- solving.

The district may include students who are not identified as gifted, but who demonstrate exceptional ability and motivation in a particular content area. The local district must establish criteria and guidelines that identify gifted and regular education students who will be successful in Directed Study classes.

The gifted education teacher assigned to supervise the Directed Study program maintains close contact with the participating student(s) to ensure acceptable progress toward the student's individual learning goals which are based on the approved Georgia standards-based curriculum.

1. One or two instructional segments per day may be counted at the gifted FTE weight for gifted students participating in the directed study program.
2. To earn gifted FTE funding for this model, the gifted education program Directed Study teacher must have a GaPSC-approved gifted endorsement **or** be actively enrolled/participating in a gifted endorsement program and be assigned to supervise the directed study.
3. Each student in the directed study must have a contract which documents the work to be completed, the learning goals for the student, the dates and amount of time the student will be working on the directed study, how the student's learning will be assessed, and the responsibilities of the gifted education program directed study teacher and any other supporting teachers/staff working with the directed study.
4. To ensure adequate time for the gifted education program Directed Study teacher to monitor and assist students participating in the directed study, the teacher must be given one full period each day or its weekly equivalent during which the teacher has only gifted education directed responsibilities (as determined by the local system) for every 15 students for whom the teacher is supervising in the directed study.

Community Service Learning (9-12)

Gifted students work under the direction of an endorsed gifted education teacher to complete a project(s) with community service learning. The district may include students who are not identified as gifted, but who demonstrate exceptional ability and motivation in a particular content area. The local district must

establish criteria and guidelines that identify gifted and regular education students who will be successful in Community Service Learning classes.

The gifted education teacher assigned to supervise the Community Service Learning program maintains close contact with the participating student(s) to ensure acceptable progress toward the student's individual learning goals which are based on the approved Georgia standards-based curriculum.

1. One or two instructional segments per day may be counted at the gifted FTE weight for gifted students participating in the gifted Community Service Learning program.
2. To earn gifted FTE funding for this model, the gifted education program Community Service Learning teacher must have a GaPSC-approved gifted endorsement **or** be actively participating/enrolled in a gifted endorsement program and be assigned to supervise the community service learning.
3. Each student in the Community Service Learning program must have a contract which documents the work to be completed, the learning goals for the student, the dates and amount of time the student will be working on the community service learning project, how the student's learning will be assessed, and the responsibilities of the gifted education program Community Service Learning teacher and any other supporting teachers/staff working with the community service learning project.
4. To ensure adequate time for the gifted education program Community Service Learning teacher to monitor and assist students participating in community service learning, the teacher must be given one full period each day or its weekly equivalent during which the teacher has only gifted education Community Service Learning responsibilities (as determined by the local system) for every 15 students for whom the teacher is supervising in the community service learning.

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Section Two Policies

160-4-2-.38 EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED STUDENTS**(1) DEFINITIONS.**

- (a) **Differentiated Curriculum** - courses of study in which the content, teaching strategies, and expectations of student mastery have been adjusted to be appropriate for gifted students.
- (b) **Georgia Department of Education** – (GaDOE) the agency charged with the fiscal and administrative management of certain aspects of K-12 public education including the implementation of federal and state mandates.
- (c) **Gifted Student** - a student who meets the eligibility criteria as identified in this rule and as defined in the *GaDOE Resource Manual for Gifted Education Services*.
- (d) **Local Board of Education (LBOE)** – agency charged with adopting policies to govern educational entities within the local educational agency.
- (e) **Local Educational Agency (LEA)** – local school system pursuant to LBOE control and management.
- (f) **Panel of Qualified Evaluators** - experts in relevant fields appointed by the LEA who evaluate student products/performances to determine gifted program eligibility.
- (g) **Qualified Psychological Examiner** - a psychologist licensed by a state licensing board in the United States and having training and experience in school psychology or child psychology.
- (h) **State Board of Education (SBOE)** – the constitutional authority which defines education policy for public K-12 education agencies in Georgia.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.

- (a) **Notification.** The LEA shall notify parents and guardians of identified gifted students being considered to receive gifted education services in writing of information related to the gifted education program including, but not limited to the following:
1. Referral procedures and eligibility requirements adopted and applied by the LEA.
 2. Notification of initial consideration for gifted education services.
 3. Evaluation guidelines and documentation of training procedures utilized and maintained by the LEA.
 4. The type(s) of gifted services to be provided, academic standards to be met, the teaching methods employed, and the manner in which students will be evaluated annually.
 5. Performance standards gifted students are to meet to maintain their eligibility and receive continued services in the program.
 6. A description of the probationary period applied to students in jeopardy of losing their eligibility for services. The description shall include the length of the probationary period and the criteria.
 7. Termination of services when students on probation have failed to meet criteria for continuation of services.
- (b) **Referrals.** The consideration for gifted education services may be reported or automatic as defined in the *GaDOE Resource Manual for Gifted Education Services*.
1. **Reported Referral.** A student may be referred for consideration for gifted education services by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, and other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities.

2. **Automatic Referral.** Students who score at specified levels on a norm-referenced test as defined in the *GaDOE Resource Manual for Gifted Education Services*, for further assessment to determine eligibility for gifted program services

(i) The LBOE shall establish the criterion score needed on norm-referenced tests for automatic consideration for further eligibility assessment.

(ii) The LBOE shall ensure that tests or procedures used in the referral process and to determine eligibility for gifted education services meet standards of validity and reliability for the purpose of identifying gifted students and shall be non-discriminatory with respect to race, religion, national origin, sex, disabilities, and economic background.

(c) **Consent.** The LEA shall obtain written consent for testing from parents or guardians of students who are being considered for referral for gifted education services. The LEA shall obtain written consent from parents or guardians before providing gifted education services to students determined to be eligible for services.

(d) **Eligibility.** The LBOE shall adopt eligibility criteria that are consistent with this rule and as defined in the *GaDOE Resource Manual for Gifted Education Services*.

1. To be eligible for gifted education services, a student must either (a) score at the 99th percentile (for grades K-2) or the 96th percentile (for grades 3-12) on the composite or full scale score of a norm-referenced test of mental ability and meet one of the achievement criteria described in paragraph (2)(d) 5.(ii) Achievement, or (b) qualify through a multiple-criteria assessment process by meeting the criteria in any three of the following four areas: mental ability, achievement, creativity, and motivation.

2. To be eligible for gifted education services, a student must meet the criterion score on a norm-referenced test and either has observational data collected on his or her performance or produce a superior product as described below. Information shall be collected in each of the four areas: mental ability, achievement, creativity, and motivation.

3. Test scores used to establish eligibility shall have been administered within the past two calendar years.

4. Any data used in one area to establish a student's eligibility shall not be used in any other data category.

5. Data shall be used for eligibility in the four areas according to the following:

(i) **Mental Ability.** Students shall score at or above the 96th percentile on a composite or full-scale score or appropriate component score, as defined in the *GaDOE Resource Manual for Gifted Education Services*, on a norm-referenced test of mental ability.

(I) Mental ability tests shall be the most current editions, or editions approved by GaDOE, of published tests that measure intelligence or cognitive ability, which have been reviewed for bias and are normed on a nationally representative sample with respect to race, religion, national origin, sex, disabilities, and economic background within a 10-year period prior to administration.

(II) Mental ability tests that were designed to be administered individually shall be administered by a qualified psychological examiner.

(ii) **Achievement.** Students shall score at or above the 90th percentile on the total battery, total math or total reading section(s) of a norm-referenced achievement test or have produced a superior student-generated product or performance, where the superior performance is one that can be translated into a numerical score at or above 90 on a 100 point scale as evaluated by a panel of qualified evaluators.

(I) Norm-referenced achievement tests shall be the most current editions of tests, or editions approved by GaDOE, that measure reading skills, including comprehension, and shall yield a total reading score and/or a total mathematics score based upon a combination of scores in mathematics concepts and applications. These tests shall have been reviewed for bias and are normed on a nationally representative sample with respect to race, religion, national origin, sex, disabilities, and economic background within a 10-year period prior to administration.

(II) Performances and products shall be assessed by a panel of qualified evaluators and must have been produced within the two calendar years prior to evaluation.

(iii) **Creativity.** Students shall score at or above the 90th percentile on the total battery score of a norm-referenced test of creative thinking, receive a score at or above the 90th percentile on a standardized creativity characteristics rating scale, or receive from a panel of qualified evaluators Georgia Department of Education a score at or above 90 on a 100 point scale on a structured observation/evaluation of creative products and/or performances.

(I) Norm-referenced tests of creative thinking shall be the most current editions of tests, or editions approved by GaDOE, that provide scores of fluency, originality, and elaboration. These tests shall have been reviewed for bias and are normed on a nationally representative sample with respect to race, religion, national origin, sex, disabilities, and economic background within a 10-year period prior to administration.

(II) Rating scales used to qualify creativity shall differentiate levels such that judgments may equate to the 90th percentile. If a rating scale is used to evaluate creativity, a rating scale shall not be used to evaluate motivation.

(III) As evidence of creativity, students, or individuals on behalf of students, may submit products or evidence of outstanding performances completed during the two calendar years prior to evaluation. The products or performances submitted shall be reviewed by a panel of qualified evaluators.

(iv) **Motivation.** Students shall receive a score at or above the 90th percentile on a standardized motivational characteristics rating scale, receive from a panel of qualified evaluators a score at or above 90 on a 100 point scale on a structured observation or evaluation of student-generated products and/or performances, or for grades 6-12 have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale where a 4.0 = A and 3.0 = B, or a numeric grade point average (NGA) of 90 percent on a 100 point scale where 100 = A and a 89 = B. Grades used to determine the GPA or NGA must be a two-year average of regular school program core subject grades in mathematics, English/language arts, social studies, science, and full year world languages.

(I) Rating scales used to qualify student motivation shall differentiate levels such that judgments may equate to the 90th percentile. If a rating scale is used to evaluate motivation, a rating scale shall not be used to evaluate creativity.

(II) As evidence of motivation, students, or individuals on behalf of students, may submit products or evidence of outstanding performances made during the two calendar years prior to evaluation. The products or performances submitted shall be reviewed by a panel of qualified evaluators.

(III) GPAs of students are determined by calculating the grades earned during the two years prior to evaluation in the subjects of mathematics, science, English/language arts, social studies, and full year world language, if such language study is included in the student's records.

6. Assessment data that were gathered and analyzed by a source outside the student's school or LEA shall be considered as part of the referral and evaluation process. External evaluation data shall not be substituted for or used as the sole source of data the school generates during the initial eligibility process. External evaluations shall have been reviewed for bias with respect to race, religion, national origin, sex, disabilities, and economic background.

(e) **Continued Participation.** The LBOE shall have a continuation policy for students identified as eligible for gifted services to continue to receive such services. The LEA shall review the progress of each student receiving gifted education services each year. Any student who receives gifted education services shall continue to receive services, provided the student demonstrates satisfactory performance in gifted education classes, as described in the LBOE continuation policy and stated in the continuation policy.

1. The LBOE continuation policy shall include a probationary period in which a student who fails to maintain satisfactory performance in gifted education classes shall continue to receive gifted education services while attempting to achieve satisfactory performance status. The length of this probationary period shall be determined by the LBOE.

2. The LBOE continuation policy shall provide for a final review prior to discontinuing gifted education services for students who fail to demonstrate satisfactory performance in gifted education classes during the probationary period and criteria for resuming gifted education services for such students.

(f) **Reciprocity.** Any student who meets the initial eligibility criteria in this rule for gifted education services in one LEA shall be considered eligible to receive gifted education services in any LEA within the state. As described in the section on Reciprocity in the GaDOE *Resource Manual for Gifted Education Services*, a student transferring from one LEA to another within the state shall meet the criteria for continuation of gifted services established by the LBOE of the receiving school system. 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.

(g) **Curriculum and Services to Be Provided.**

1. The LBOE shall develop curricula for gifted students that incorporate SBOE approved curriculum. LBOE curricula for gifted students shall focus on developing cognitive, learning, research and reference, and metacognitive skills at each grade grouping, using principles of differentiation, in one or more of the following content areas: mathematics, science, English/language arts, social studies, world languages, fine arts, and career, technical and agricultural education. LEAs shall make available to the public and the GaDOE a description of the differentiated curricula used for instruction of gifted students. The LEA shall review and revise, if revisions are needed, its curricula for gifted students at least annually.

2. Students identified as gifted and whose participation has received parental consent shall receive at least five segments per week (or the yearly equivalent) of gifted education services, using one of the approved models described in the GaDOE *Resource Manual for Gifted Education Services*.

(h) **Data Collection.**

1. The LBOE shall collect and maintain statistical data on the number of students referred for evaluation of eligibility for gifted education services, the number of students determined eligible for services, and the number of students actually served during the school year. These data shall Georgia Department of Education be archived and maintained by subgroups, which shall include at least the grade level, gender, and ethnic group of the students.

2. The LEA shall evaluate its gifted program at least every three years using criteria established by GaDOE.

(i) **Public Review.** The LBOE shall make available for review by the public and the GaDOE a copy of its administrative procedures for the operation of its gifted education program and the LEA's gifted education curricula.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-151; 20-2-152; 20-2-161.

1.1. Adopted: May 10, 2012

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GIFTED EDUCATION ELIGIBILITY CHART

In option A and B, information shall be gathered in each of the four categories.

At least one of the criteria must be met by a score on a GaDOE approved nationally normed- referenced test.

Any data used to establish eligibility in one category shall not be used to establish eligibility in another category.

If a rating scale is used to evaluate creativity, a rating scale shall not be used to evaluate motivation. If a rating scale is used to evaluate motivation, a rating scale shall not be used to evaluate creativity.

Any piece of information used to establish eligibility shall be current within two years.

Local school systems must establish policies in regards to the use of data gathered and analyzed by private entities.

Category	Option A	Option B
	Student must have a qualifying score in the mental ability AND achievement categories.	Student must qualify in three of the four categories.
Mental Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grades K-2 99th% percentile composite score on a nationally age normed mental ability test ➤ Grades 3-12 ≥96th percentile composite score on a nationally age normed mental ability test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grades K- 12 ≥ 96th percentile composite OR appropriate component score on a nationally age normed mental ability tests
Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grades K-12 ≥ 90th percentile Total Reading, Total Math, or Complete Battery on a nationally normed achievement test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grades K-12 ≥ 90th percentile Total Reading, Total Math, or Complete Battery on a nationally normed achievement test ➤ Grades K – 12 Superior product/performance with a score ≥ 90 on a scale of 1-100, as evaluated by a panel of three or more qualified evaluators
Creativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Evaluation data required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grades K-12 ≥ 90th percentile on composite score on a nationally normed creativity test ➤ Grades K-12 ≥ 90th percentile on 2 of 3 required creativity ratings ➤ Grades K-12 Superior product/performance with a score ≥ 90 on a scale of 1-100, as evaluated by a panel of three or more qualified evaluators
Motivation	Evaluation data required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grades 6-12 Two-year average of a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale in regular core subject of mathematics, English/language arts, social studies, science, and full year world languages. (See pg. 30 for add'l information) ➤ Grades K-12 Rating scales used to qualify student motivation must equate to the 90th percentile by 2 of 3 required evaluators ➤ Grades K – 12 Superior product/performance with a score ≥ 90 on a scale of 1-100, as evaluated by a panel of three or more qualified evaluators

CONTINUATION POLICY

Continued placement in the Program for the Gifted, according to the Georgia State Department of Education regulations and procedures, shall include satisfactory performance in gifted classes and must provide for a probationary period. To meet these requirements satisfactory performance shall be determined by maintenance of an overall “B” or 80+ average, and no grade below a 70 in academic subjects for which the student receives gifted education services. The student must also meet standards on the Georgia Milestones Test in the subject areas for which they receive gifted services.

Continued placement for gifted students shall consist of the above unless there are compelling reasons why special consideration should be given. These reasons must be documented.

Students failing to meet the continuation criteria are automatically placed on probation. Probation may last a minimum of one semester, but no more than two semesters. Parents will be notified in writing of this probation.

Students on probation who do not show improvement after two semesters will be automatically withdrawn from the program. Parents will be notified in writing prior to withdrawal. If withdrawn, a student may re-enter the Program for the Gifted upon meeting the specifications of the continuation criteria.

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<p>Descriptor Terms:</p> <p>GIFTED STUDENTS</p>	<p>Rescinds:</p>	<p>Issued:</p>
<p>Chattooga County School System recognizes the need to provide gifted education services to students who have the potential for exceptional academic achievement in grades K-12. Chattooga County Schools shall comply with all state policies concerning educational programs for gifted students. A gifted student demonstrates a high degree of intellectual creative and/or artistic abilities possesses exceptional leadership skills or excels in specific academic fields.</p> <p>The Chattooga County School System endorses the development and operation of special instruction and/or ancillary services for gifted students to achieve at levels commensurate with his or her abilities.</p> <p>Adopted: prior to 1976 Revised: September, 1976 Revised: February 16, 1988 Revised: October 14, 1996 Revised: June, 2010 Revised: June, 2013 Revised: May, 2016 Revised: June, 2017 Revised: May, 2020</p>		

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CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM PROGRAM FOR THE GIFTED CONTINUATION POLICY		
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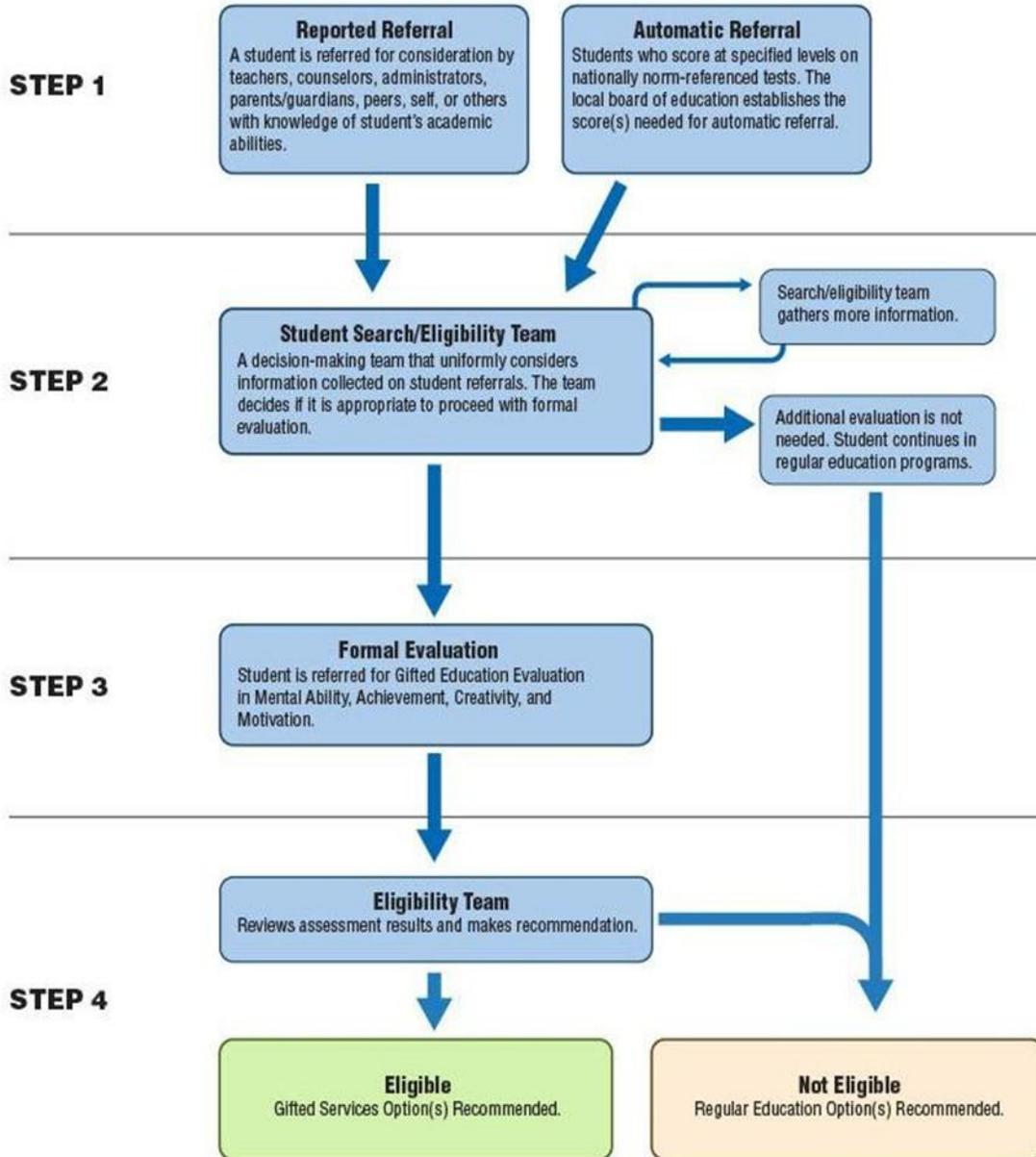
Chattooga County Schools Program for the Gifted



Section Three Referral Procedures

Chattooga County School System
Program for the Gifted
Referral Procedures

Referral and Eligibility Process Chart



I. Automatic Referral Procedures for Developing a Pool of Potentially Gifted Students

Each school year a committee of teachers of the gifted will review Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and Georgia Milestones Assessment results to establish a pool of potentially gifted students. On MAP the committee will use the criteria of scoring in the 90th Percentile or above based on the middle score of the percentile range, and on the Georgia Milestones Assessment the committee will use the criteria of scoring at the Distinguished Proficiency Level. From the criteria, the committee will compile a list of students for the committee to review as potentially gifted students. From the list of potentially gifted students, each Gifted Coordinator will complete the following steps. A file for each referred student will be established. The Gifted Referral Form (Form A) will be filled out for each student referral.

A. Contact the Parents

1. School personnel must inform the student's parents of the reason for referral by sending the following form to be completed and returned to the school:

- a. Notification of Consideration/Evaluation Consent (Form B)

B. Administer Tests

The Gifted Coordinator will administer at least one approved mental ability test to the referred student. The Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) will serve as the primary achievement assessment.

C. Obtain Creativity Criteria

The classroom teacher and two other individuals must complete one of the Creativity Rating Scales Form D or the Gifted Coordinator will administer the Torrance Test of Creativity.

D. Obtain Motivation Criteria

The Gifted Coordinator will obtain the Grade Point Average (GPA) for grades 6-12 or have three individuals complete the Motivation Checklist (Form E)

E. Complete the Referral/Eligibility Report Form

a. The Gifted Coordinator will complete the Referral/Eligibility Report (Form C) and include data that pertains to the following four categories.

1. Mental Ability
 - a. List the percentile scores
2. Achievement
 - a. List the percentile scores for Total Reading, Total Math, and/or Total Battery
3. Creativity
 - a. List the score from the Creativity Rating Scale or Torrance Test of Creativity
4. Motivation
 - a. List the GPA or score from the Motivation Rating Scale

b. The Gifted Coordinator will meet with the classroom teacher and principal to discuss eligibility criteria.

F. Complete Placement Procedures for Students

1. The Gifted Coordinator will complete the staffing procedures for students who are eligible. (See IV. Staffing Procedures for instructions.)
2. The Gifted Coordinator will complete the staffing procedures for students who are not eligible. (See IV. Staffing Procedures for instructions.)

II. Automatic Referral Procedures for Rule .08

A. 1985 (Rule .08) Eligibility Standards

1. From the list of potentially gifted students that were collected by the committee of teachers in the Spring, students who meet the 1985 (Rule .08) eligibility standards are automatically eligible for placement. (See V. Program for the Gifted Eligibility Criteria.)
2. The Gifted Coordinator will complete the Referral/Eligibility Report (Form C) by including the following sections:
 - a. Mental Ability-List the percentile score.
 - b. Achievement-List the percentile score(s).
3. The Gifted Coordinator will meet with the principal and classroom teacher to discuss eligibility.
4. The Gifted Coordinator will complete the Staffing Procedures for students who are eligible and/or who are not eligible. (See IV. Staffing Procedures.)

III. Individual (Reported) Referral Procedures

If a student is referred for consideration for the Program for the Gifted by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self and other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities, the following steps are to be followed:

A. Gather Documentation

1. The teacher of the gifted individual will complete the Gifted Referral Form (Form A) and submit to the onsite gifted testing coordinator.

B. Contact the Parents

1. School personnel must inform the student's parents of the reason for referral by sending the following form to be completed and returned to the school:
 - a. Notification of Consideration/Evaluation Consent (Form B)

C. Administer Tests

1. The Gifted Coordinator will administer at least one approved mental ability test and-at least one approved academic achievement test to the referred student. (See VI. Categories for Multiple Criteria for New Rule .38 of 1995 for the list of Mental Ability Tests and Achievement Tests.)

D. Gather Creativity Data

1. The classroom teacher and two other qualified individuals must complete the Creativity Characteristics Rating Scales (Renzulli Scales, Form D) or the Gifted Coordinator will administer the Torrance Test of Creativity.

E. Obtain Motivation Criteria

1. The Teacher of the Gifted will obtain the Grade Point Average (GPA) or complete the Motivation Checklist, Form E. (See X. Category Four Motivation Criteria.)

F. Complete the Referral/Eligibility Report Form

1. The Gifted Coordinator will complete the Referral/Eligibility Report (Form C) and include data that pertains to the following four categories:
 1. Mental Ability
 - a. List the percentile scores

2. Achievement
 - a. List the percentile scores for Total Reading, Total Math, and/or Total Battery
3. Creativity
 - a. List the score from the Creativity Rating Scale and/or the Torrance Test of Creativity.
4. Motivation
 - a. List the GPA or score from the Motivation Rating Scale

(Refer to Section VI. Categories for Multiple Criteria for New Rule .38 of 1995 for selection of test and rating scales.)

2. The Gifted Coordinator will meet with the classroom teacher and principal to discuss eligibility criteria.

G. Complete Placement Procedures for Student

1. The Gifted Coordinator will complete the staffing procedures for students who are eligible. (See IV. Staffing Procedures for instructions.)
2. The Gifted Coordinator will complete the staffing procedures for students who are not eligible. (See IV. Staffing Procedures for instructions.)

IV. Placement Procedures

A. Procedures for students who are not eligible

1. The Gifted Coordinator will send the parents a letter stating the student's ineligibility. (See Form H)

B. Procedures for placement of students who are eligible

The Gifted Coordinator will complete the following steps:

- Complete the Individual Program Description (Form I) and contract for cluster classrooms (Form J) for each eligible student as applicable.
- Forms sent to parents
- 1. Notification of Eligibility/Placement Consent (Form F) (all copies for parental signature and return back to school)

Upon receiving signed paperwork for consent, the Teacher of the Gifted will provide the following:

1. Individual Program Description (Form I)
2. Continuation Policy (Form G)

C. Procedures for Parent Conference

1. If a teacher or parent requests a conference to discuss eligibility status and/or placement, the Gifted Coordinator will keep written minutes regarding parent conference.

D. Procedures for Documentation

1. The Gifted Coordinator will:
 - a. Keep up-to-date files on all gifted students, as applicable, in their permanent records. A duplicate copy of all active files will be sent to and kept at the LEA office. Original copies are placed in student permanent record. Additional copies are sent to LEA and parents.
 - b. Send the inactive student files to the LEA office to be placed in the inactive file for further reference.
 - c. The LEA and the gifted coordinators will meet at the end of each school year to review the County Administrative Procedures Manual for Gifted Education Services. Any revisions will be reported to the Georgia Department of Education.

E. Procedures for Annual Review (End of the Year)

1. Progress in the Program for the Gifted shall be reviewed and a determination of continuation in the program made annually. The Gifted Coordinator shall:
 - a. Obtain and calculate an overall yearly academic average from report cards or permanent records.
 - b. Determine continuation status
 1. If a gifted student meets the continuation criteria, the Gifted Coordinator shall send to parents:
 - I. Annual Review (Form K) Original copies are placed in student permanent record. Additional copies are sent to LEA and parents.
 - II. Individual Program Description (Form I) for the up-coming school year when students return for the next school year.

F. Procedures for Probation

1. Progress in the Program for the Gifted shall be reviewed and a determination of continuation in the program shall be made at the end of each semester for elementary and middle school students and yearly for high school students. The Gifted Coordinator shall:
 - a. Obtain and calculate an academic average from report cards.
 - b. Obtain scores from State Standardized Tests (end of year only).
 - c. Determine continuation status.
 1. If a gifted student does not meet the continuation criteria, the Gifted Coordinator shall send the Notification of Probation (Form L) to the parents for the mid-year review or (Form K) for the annual review.

G. Procedures for Withdrawal

1. A gifted student will be withdrawn from the Program for the Gifted for the following reasons:
 - a. Failure to maintain continuation criteria and was on probation for up to two semesters
 - b. Parent request
 - c. Other
2. If a gifted student withdraws from the Program for the Gifted, then the Withdrawal letter (Form M) must be completed and sent to parents for signature.

H. Procedures for Re-Entry to the Program for the Gifted

1. Students, who have been withdrawn from the Program of the Gifted, may re-enter the Program for the Gifted upon meeting the specifications of the Chattooga County's Continuation Policy for the Program of the Gifted.
2. Parents of students requesting re-entry shall complete the application for Re-entry to The Program for the Gifted (Form N)
3. The Teacher of the Gifted shall complete the following for the student requesting re-entry:
 - a. Obtain and calculate the current academic average.
 - b. Determine continuation status
 - i. If the requesting re-entry student meets the continuation criteria, complete and send to the parents an Individual Program Description (Form I) for the appropriate school year.
 - ii. If the requesting re-entry student does not meet the continuation criteria, send to the parents a copy of the Re-entry Application (Form N) indicating the student is not eligible for re-entry.

I. Procedures for Retesting Ineligible Students

- 1. By parent request, students who did not meet eligibility criteria for the Program for the Gifted, can be retested, to see if they qualify. A maximum of three testing periods in alternating years is required. Example: If a student is tested in first grade, he/she must wait until third grade to be tested again. He/she can only be tested a maximum of three times in their school career.

V. Program for the Gifted Eligibility Criteria

A. State Board Rule 160-4-2-.08 of 1985

Students may be placed in the Program for the Gifted upon meeting the old rule of gifted which requires a mental ability test and achievement test.

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Mental Ability</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
K-2	99 th Percentile	Not Applicable
3-12	96 th Percentile	90% Percentile Composite, or 90% Percentile Reading or Math

B. State Board Rule 160-4-2-.38 of 1995

To be eligible for gifted education services, a student must meet criteria in any three of the following four areas: Mental Ability (intelligence), Achievement, Creativity, and Motivation

Category One: Mental Ability

This category uses:

Standardized mental ability tests meeting criteria

Eligibility criteria is:

≥ 96% Percentile on composite or full scale score or appropriate component score

Category Two: Achievement

This Category uses:

Standardized achievement tests

Eligibility criteria is:

≥ 90% Percentile on total battery or total math or total reading score

Category Three: Creativity

This category uses:

Normed creativity rating scales by two evaluators
Torrance Test of Creativity

Eligibility criteria is:

A score ≥90 on a scale of 1-100

Category Four: Motivation

This category uses:

Grades from regular program, or
Standardized Motivation rating scales

Eligibility criteria is:

GPA ≥3.5 (on a 4.0 scale over previous 2 years) 6-12 grades only
A score ≥90 on a scale of 1-100

VII. Category One: Mental Ability Criteria

1. The Program for the Gifted of Chattooga County School System will use mental ability tests that meet the following criteria:
 - Measure intelligence or cognitive ability
 - Be the most current edition of that published test
 - Normative data for group test shall be no more than ten years old
 - Yield percentile rankings by age(s)
 - Normed on a nationally representative sample that included minority representation
 - Test development included bias review
2. As of the effective date of January 3, 1996, test score used to establish eligibility for placement under Rule 160-4-2 .08 or Rule 160-4-2- .38 shall be current within (not older than) two calendar years.
3. The Program for the Gifted will use one of the following mental ability tests:
 - a. Cognitive Abilities Test Forms 7 and 8
 - b. Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT 3)
 - c. Woodcock-Johnson Cognitive Abilities Test 4th Ed. (WJ:IV)

VIII. Category Two: Achievement Criteria

1. The Program for the Gifted of Chattooga County School System will use achievement tests that meet the following criteria:
 - Be most current edition of that published test
 - Measure, at a minimum, reading including reading comprehension, and give a total reading score or total mathematics score based upon a combination of scores in math concepts and applications
 - Normative data for these tests shall be no more than ten years old
 - Yield percentile rankings by age(s) (ITBS=grade instead of age)
 - Normed on a nationally representative sample that included minority representation
 - Test development included bias review
2. As of the effective date of January 3, 1996 test score used to establish eligibility for placement under Rule 160-4-2 .08 or Rule 160-4-2- .38 shall be current within (not older than) two calendar years.
3. The Program for the Gifted will use the following achievement tests:
 - a. Iowa Assessments Form E, F, and G
 - b. Diagnostic Achievement Battery (DAB 4)
 - c. Stanford Achievement Test 10 Abbreviated
 - d. Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
 - e. PSAT (8/9)
 - f. Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT)
 - g. ACT-College Entrance Exam

IX. Category Three: Creativity Criteria

1. The Program for the Gifted of Chattooga County School System will use standardized creativity characteristics rating scales to evaluate student performance. The criteria must reflect a scale from 1-100 that can be translated into a numerical score ≥ 90 . The criteria shall be applied to the performance by at least three qualified individuals. Two out of the three rating scales must be ≥ 90 for eligibility.
2. The Program for the Gifted will use one of the following rating scales:
 - b. Torrance Test of Creative Thinking TTCT: Figural or Verbal
 - c. Renzulli Rating Scale – Part II Creativity Characteristics
3. Rating scales used to qualify student motivation shall differentiate levels such that judgments may equate to the 90th percentile. If a rating scale is used to evaluate creativity, a rating scale shall not be used to evaluate motivation.
4. The Scoring Procedures will be used for the following rating instrument:
Renzulli Rating Scale. Part II Creativity Characteristics
Use the form called Scales for Rating the Behavior Characteristics of Superior Students, Part II: Creativity Characteristics that is published by Prufrock Press, Inc. which is located in the Appendix, Form D. See the Appendix for norming data for the Renzulli Rating Scale. As suggested by Renzulli, norming procedures will take place at each school and grade level. These norms will be kept on file with the Gifted Coordinators at each school and LEA. At least two of the three rating scales must have a 90 percentile or above for the student to be eligible in Creativity category.

X. Category Four: Motivation Criteria

The Program for the Gifted of Chattooga County School System will use the Grade Point Average GPA or motivation characteristics rating scales. GPA is used for 6-12 only.

A. Grade Point Average (GPA)

1. The Program for the Gifted of Chattooga County School System will use the Grade Point Average (GPA) of ≥ 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, using an average of grade from the regular school program over the previous two school years for students in grade six through twelve. GPAs of students are determined by calculating the grades during the two years prior to evaluation in the subjects of:
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - English or Language Arts
 - Social Studies
 - Full Year of World Languages

B. Motivation Rating Scales

1. The Program for the Gifted of Chattooga County School System will use standardized motivation characteristics rating scales to evaluate a student. The criteria must reflect a scale form 1-100 that can be translated into a numerical score ≥ 90 . The rating scale must be completed at least by three individuals. Two out of the three rating scales must be ≥ 90 for eligibility.

2. The Program for the Gifted will use the following Motivation characteristics rating scale:
 - a. Renzulli Rating Scale-Part III Motivational Characteristic
3. Rating scales used to qualify student motivation shall differentiate levels such that judgments may equate to the 90th percentile. If a rating scale is used to evaluate motivation, a rating scale shall not be used to evaluate creativity.
4. The Scoring Procedures will be used for the following rating instruments
 - a. Renzulli Rating Scale, Part III Motivational Characteristics
Use the form called Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students, Part III: Motivational Characteristics published by Prufrock Press, Inc. which is located in the Appendix, Form F. As suggested by Renzulli, norming procedures will take place at each school and grade level. These norms will be kept on file with the Gifted Coordinators at each school and LEA. At least two of the three rating scales must have a 90 percentile or above for the student to be eligible in the Motivation Category.

Gifted Education Eligibility Chart

- In options A and B, information must be gathered in each of the four categories.
- At least one of the criteria must be met by a score on a GaDOE-approved, nationally norm-referenced test.
- Any data used to establish eligibility in one category cannot be used to establish eligibility in another category.
- If a rating scale is used to evaluate creativity, a rating scale cannot be used to evaluate motivation. If a rating scale is used to evaluate motivation, a rating scale cannot be used to evaluate creativity.
- Any piece of information used to establish eligibility must be current within two calendar years.
- Local school systems must establish policies regarding the use of data gathered and analyzed by private entities.

Category	Option A	Option B
	Student must have a qualifying score in the mental ability AND achievement categories.	Student must qualify in <u>three of the four</u> categories.
Mental Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grades K-2: 99th percentile composite score on a nationally age normed mental ability test ● Grades 3-12: \square 96th percentile composite score on a nationally age-normed mental ability test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grades K-12: \square 96th percentile composite OR appropriate component score on a nationally age-normed mental ability test
Achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grades K-12: \square 90th percentile Total Reading, Total Math, or Complete Battery on a nationally normed achievement test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grades K-12: \square 90th percentile Total Reading, Total Math, or Complete Battery on a nationally normed achievement test ● Grades K-12: Superior product/performance with a score \square 90 on a scale of 1-100, as evaluated by a panel of three or more qualified evaluators
Creativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evaluation data required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grades K-12: \square 90th percentile on composite score on a nationally normed creativity test

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades K-12: Rating scales used to qualify student creativity must equate to the 90th percentile • Grades K-12: Superior product/performance with a score \geq 90 on a scale of 1-100, as evaluated by a panel of three or more qualified evaluators
Motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation data required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 6-12: Two-year average of a 3.5 GPA/NGA on a 4.0 scale in the regular core subject of mathematics, ELA, social studies, science, and full year world languages (This should be the top 10% of the core courses listed. See pages 43-45 for additional information.) • Grades K-12: Rating scales used to qualify student motivation must equate to the 90th percentile • Grades K-12: Superior product/performance/structured observation with a score \geq 90 on a scale of 1-100, as evaluated by a panel of three or more qualified evaluators

Chattooga County Schools Program for the Gifted



Section Four Appendix



CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

PROGRAM FOR THE GIFTED

NOTIFICATION OF CONSIDERATION/EVALUATION CONSENT

Date: _____

Student: _____

Dear Parent:

Your child is being considered for placement in the Program for the Gifted due to:

- _____ automatic referral
- _____ teacher referral
- _____ other _____

Your written permission for additional testing is required. Please sign below and return this form to your child's teacher. You will be notified in writing of your child's eligibility for this program once testing is complete. You will be given an opportunity to discuss the results of the testing and consideration of eligibility and placement if you wish.

Should you have any concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Teacher of the Gifted

Parental Consent for Evaluation for the Program of the Gifted

Check one:

_____ Yes, I agree to the evaluation.

_____ No, I do not agree to the evaluation.

Parent's signature

Date



CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
PROGRAM FOR THE GIFTED
REFERRAL/ ELIGIBILITY REPORT

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Date of Referral: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

School: _____

Referral Type: _____

Grade: _____

ELIGIBILITY REPORT

Category I: Mental Ability	Category III: Creativity
Assessment date: ____/____/____ Assessment: _____ Score: _____ (Percentile Score)	Assessment date: ____/____/____ Assessment: _____ Score: _____ (Percentile Score)
Category II: Achievement	Category IV: Motivation
Assessment date: ____/____/____ Assessment: _____ Area(s): Results (Percentile Score) Total Reading _____	K-5 Assessment date: ____/____/____ Assessment: _____ Score: _____ (Scale of 1-100)
Total Math _____	6-12 Dates: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
Complete Battery _____	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

ELIGIBILITY SUMMARY

_____ This student is eligible and meets in the following categories:

_____ Mental Ability _____ Achievement _____ Creativity _____ Motivation

_____ The student is ineligible.

_____ Gifted Coordinator

FORM C

Chattooga School System 2018 Norm Establishment
Gifted Program: Creativity and Motivation

Purpose: In accordance with *Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students: Renzulli Scales Technical and Administration Manual*, 3rd edition, local norms were established. As set forth in the manual, these norms should be reestablished every ten years.

Selection Process: It is recommended that each school, at every grade level, within the system establish norms with a grade level sample of at least 100 students. Because Menlo School and Lyerly School do not have a population at each grade level of 100 students, a single local norm for each grade level, K-8, was established. At Menlo School and Lyerly School a population of each grade level was surveyed, and at Summerville Middle and Leroy Massy Schools a random sample was taken, with the goal being to collect a minimum of 100 ratings and a maximum of 200 ratings each for Creativity and Motivational Scales at each grade level.

Method: Homeroom teachers completed the checklists and calculated the raw scores. These raw scores at each grade level were listed in descending order. The number of students attaining each score were tallied. The number of students attaining each score was tabulated. The frequencies were added consecutively. The percentile rank of each score was tabulated and a baseline of 90% was established. See Appendix E: How to Develop Local Norms in *Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students: Renzulli Scales Technical and Administration Manual*, 3rd edition, for more information.

Results: See Attachment

STUDENT'S NAME (OR ASSIGNED CODE NO.): _____

CREATIVITY CHARACTERISTICS

The student demonstrates . . .	Never	Very Rarely	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Always									
1. imaginative thinking ability.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
2. a sense of humor.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
3. the ability to come up with unusual, unique, or clever responses.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
4. an adventurous spirit or a willingness to take risks.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
5. the ability to generate a large number of ideas or solutions to problems or questions.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
6. a tendency to see humor in situations that may not appear to be humorous to others.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
7. the ability to adapt, improve, or modify objects or ideas.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
8. intellectual playfulness, a willingness to fantasize and manipulate ideas.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
9. a nonconforming attitude, does not fear being different.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
Add Column Total:	<input type="checkbox"/>														
Multiply by Weight:	1	2	3	4	5	6									
Add Weighted Column Totals:	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scale Total:												<input type="checkbox"/>			

Scoring:

- Add the total number of x's in each column to obtain the "Column Total."
- Multiply the "Column Total" by the "Weight" for each column to obtain the "Weighted Column Total."
- Sum the "Weighted Column Totals" across to obtain the Score for each dimension of the scale.
- Enter the Scores for each dimension on the cover sheet.

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FORM D

Chattooga County Schools Local Norms Developed May 2018
Creativity: Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students

Raw	Grades with Percentile Rank								Raw	
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8
54	98.66	98.84	100	97.15	100	99.54	100	98.17	99.46	54
53	96.88	97.29	99.53	94.31	99.55	99.08	100	95.43	98.65	53
52	95.54	96.51	98.13	93.50	97.73	98.62	99.74	93.9	97.84	52
51	94.64	96.12	96.73	92.68	96.36	98.17	98.96	92.99	96.76	51
50	93.75	96.12	96.26	91.06	95	97.25	98.44	92.38	96.22	50
49	91.52	95.74	95.79	89.02	92.73	95.41	97.92	91.16	95.68	49
48	89.73	95.35	94.86	87.80	89.55	93.58	97.14	89.63	94.86	48
47	88.39	94.57	94.39	86.59	86.82	91.74	96.88	88.72	93.24	47
46	86.61	93.41	94.39	88.62	85	89.45	95.83	87.5	90.54	46
45	82.59	92.25	92.52	83.33	80.45	87.16	94.01	84.76	88.11	45
44	78.13	90.31	90.19	81.71	76.82	85.32	92.71	82.01	86.22	44
43	72.77	88.37	88.79	80.49	75.91	83.95	89.84	78.66	84.86	43
42	67.41	86.43	85.98	78.46	73.64	81.65	85.94	74.70	83.78	42
41	64.29	84.11	82.24	76.02	68.64	77.98	83.33	70.73	82.16	41
40	59.38	81.40	78.97	72.36	64.65	74.77	80.99	66.77	79.19	40
39	55.80	78.68	77.57	68.29	62.27	72.48	78.39	64.02	75.41	39
38	54.46	75.58	76.17	66.67	59.55	69.27	75.52	61.89	72.70	38
37	50.89	72.09	73.83	65.85	55.91	65.14	73.18	59.15	70.81	37
36	44.64	68.22	71.03	65.04	53.18	60.09	70.31	55.18	68.11	36
35	38.84	64.34	67.29	62.20	52.27	54.59	67.45	51.22	65.14	35
34	35.27	62.40	64.02	58.54	50.45	50.92	61.98	48.17	62.16	34
33	33.48	59.30	60.75	55.69	47.27	48.62	56.51	44.82	58.65	33
32	30.36	52.71	56.54	51.63	43.64	44.95	54.95	41.77	54.86	32
31	27.68	45.74	50.47	47.15	40.91	38.07	52.60	38.11	50.54	31
30	25	41.47	45.79	45.12	40	30.73	47.92	33.54	46.22	30
29	31.88	37.98	42.99	42.68	38.64	25.23	42.97	26.83	43.51	29
28	20.54	34.50	37.85	39.43	35.45	20.18	39.58	21.34	41.62	28
27	18.30	31	32.24	37.40	32.27	15.14	36.98	17.68	38.38	27
26	16.52	28.29	29.44	36.18	30.90	11.47	33.07	14.63	35.14	26
25	14.29	27.52	28.04	35.37	29.09	9.17	27.08	13.72	32.70	25
24	12.05	26.74	26.64	34.55	27.27	7.34	21.61	13.11	28.92	24
23	10.27	25.97	25.23	32.93	25.91	6.42	18.49	12.8	25.95	23
22	8.48	25.19	23.83	30.89	23.18	5.96	16.67	11.89	24.05	22
21	8.04	23.26	21.50	30.08	20.45	5.51	15.10	10.37	21.62	21
20	8.04	20.16	18.69	29.68	18.18	5.05	11.98	9.45	18.92	20
19	8.04	18.22	16.82	28.46	16.63	4.59	8.07	9.15	16.22	19
18	8.04	17.05	15.42	26.02	15	4.13	5.99	5.18	12.43	18
17	8.04	16.28	14.49	23.17	14.09	3.67	5.47	1.22	7.84	17
16	8.04	16.28	13.55	21.54	12.73	3.21	4.69	1.22	5.68	16
15	7.14	16.28	12.62	20.33	11.36	2.29	3.13	1.22	4.32	15
14	6.25	15.89	10.75	17.89	10.45	1.83	1.56	0.91	2.70	14
13	5.80	15.50	8.88	13.41	9.09	1.83	0.80	0.61	1.62	13
12	4.91	14.34	7.01	9.35	6.82	1.38	0.50	0.61	1.08	12
11	4.02	12.40	3.74	6.50	5.45	0.92	0.30	0.61	0.81	11
10	3.13	9.69	1.40	4.88	4.55	0.46	0.00	0.61	0.54	10
09	1.34	3.88	0.48	2.44	1.82		0.00	0.30	0.27	09

FORM D

STUDENT'S NAME (OR ASSIGNED CODE NO.): _____

MOTIVATION CHARACTERISTICS

The student demonstrates . . .	Never	Very Rarely	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Always									
1. the ability to concentrate intently on a topic for a long period of time.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
2. behavior that requires little direction from teachers.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
3. sustained interest in certain topics or problems.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
4. tenacity for finding out information on topics of interest.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
5. persistent work on tasks even when setbacks occur.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
6. a preference for situations in which he or she can take personal responsibility for the outcomes of his or her efforts.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
7. follow-through behavior when interested in a topic or problem.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
8. intense involvement in certain topics or problems.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
9. a commitment to long-term projects when interested in a topic.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
10. persistence when pursuing goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
11. little need for external motivation to follow through in work that is initially exciting.	<input type="checkbox"/>														
Add Column Total:	<input type="checkbox"/>														
Multiply by Weight:	1	2	3	4	5	6									
Add Weighted Column Totals:	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>	+	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scale Total:												<input type="checkbox"/>			

Scoring:

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FORM E

Chattooga County Schools Local Norms 2018 Developed May 2018
 Motivation: Scales for Rating the Behavioral Characteristics of Superior Students

Raw	Grade with Percentile Rank								Raw	
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8
66	99.11	99.61	99.07	97.15	99.55	98.62	99.22	96.95	99.19	66
65	98.21	99.22	97.2	93.5	99.01	97.25	98.44	92.99	98.11	65
64	97.32	98.84	96.26	91.87	98.18	97.25	97.14	91.77	97.57	64
63	93.75	98.06	95.79	90.24	97.27	97.25	95.83	91.16	97.03	63
62	92.41	97.67	95.33	89.43	96.82	96.79	95.83	90.85	96.22	62
61	91.07	96.9	94.86	89.02	95.45	95.87	95.05	90.55	95.14	61
60	91.07	96.12	94.39	88.62	92.73	94.5	93.75	89.63	93.24	60
59	91.07	95.74	93.46	88.21	90.45	92.66	92.45	89.02	92.43	59
58	90.63	94.96	92.52	86.99	89.09	90.83	90.89	88.41	91.89	58
57	88.84	94.19	91.59	84.96	86.36	88.99	90.10	86.89	91.35	57
56	86.61	93.02	90.65	83.33	83.64	87.16	89.84	85.06	91.08	56
55	84.38	91.09	88.32	81.7 1	81.36	83.49	84.90	79.88	90.27	55
54	81.70	88.76	84.58	78.46	79.55	80.73	79.69	75.30	89.73	54
53	79.91	85.27	82.24	75.2	77.27	78.90	78.65	74.39	88.38	53
52	78.13	81.4	79.91	73.58	74.55	76.61	76.56	73.48	85.68	52
51	75.45	79.07	77.10	71.95	71.82	74.77	73.7	72.56	84.60	51
50	74.11	78.29	74.77	69.92	68.18	71.56	71.61	71.65	82.97	50
49	70.98	78.29	71.96	68.29	64.09	68.35	70.05	69.51	80.27	49
48	66.52	77.52	68.69	66.67	61.36	64.68	68.49	66.46	76.76	48
47	65.18	76.36	65.42	64.63	58.18	62.39	66.93	64.02	73.78	47
46	63.39	74.81	63.08	62.2	54.55	59.17	64.84	60.98	70.81	46
45	59.82	72.09	61.68	60.57	52.73	57.80	62.24	58.54	68.65	45
44	56.70	67.44	59.81	59.35	50.45	52.29	56.25	53.35	67.30	44
43	54.91	62.02	57.94	56.5	48.18	47.71	51.04	46.65	66.22	43
42	52.68	58.14	55.61	52.03	46.36	45.41	48.70	43.60	64.32	42
41	50	54.65	52.8	48.37	44.55	41.74	44.53	41.77	59.73	41
40	47.77	51.94	50	46.75	41.36	38.99	41.15	40.24	55.41	40
39	45.09	48.84	46.73	44.72	38.18	36.24	39.84	39.33	52.70	39
38	43.75	44.57	44.39	41.06	36.36	30.73	37.50	37.80	50	38
37	42.86	41.09	43.46	38.62	33.64	26.15	34.38	35.98	46.49	37
36	38.84	38.76	41.12	37.4	30	23.85	32.29	34.76	43.24	36
35	33.04	37.21	38.32	36.59	26.82	21.56	30.73	33.23	40.54	35
34	29.02	34.88	35.98	34.96	25	16.97	29.95	30.49	37.84	34
33	26.79	32.56	33.64	30.89	24.55	11.01	28.39	24.70	36.22	33
32	25.45	31.4	31.78	28.46	24.01	6.88	25	19.51	34.59	32
31	25	30.23	30.84	26.83	23.18	4.59	21.88	17.07	31.35	31
30	25	29.46	30.37	25.2	21.82	3.67	20.05	15.55	28.11	30
29	24.11	29.46	28.5	24.39	20.91	3.67	19.01	14.94	25.68	29
28	22.32	29.07	25.7	23.17	19.55	3.67	17.71	13.41	23.24	28
27	20.98	28.68	24.30	22.36	17.73	3.67	16.67	13.41	20.81	27
26	19.20	27.91	24.30	21.14	16.82	3.21	15.89	13.11	18.11	26
25	17.86	26.74	22.9	19.11	15.45	2.29	14.06	12.2	16.22	25
24	16.96	26.36	20.56	17.48	14.55	1.83	12.5	10.98	13.78	24
23	16.07	24.03	19.63	15.85	13.64	1.83	11.2	10.37	11.62	23
22	14.73	20.16	19.63	14.23	11.82	1.38	8.33	5.79	8.65	22
21	12.50	18.6	18.69	13.41	10.45	0.92	5.99	1.22	5.68	21
20	11.16	18.22	17.76	13.01	10	0.92	5.21	1.22	5.41	20
19	10.27	17.83	17.29	12.2	9.55	0.92	4.43	1.22	4.86	19
18	9.82	16.67	15.89	9.76	9.09	0.92	3.39	1.22	3.51	18
17	8.93	15.5	14.49	8.13	8.64	0.92	2.6	1.22	2.16	17
16	7.59	15.12	14.02	7.72	8.18	0.92	2.6	1.22	1.08	16
15	6.25	14.73	13.08	6.91	8.18	0.92	2.6	1.22	0.30	15
14	4.46	13.95	10.28	6.5	8.18	0.92	2.34	1.22	0.30	14
13	2.68	11.63	7.48	6.1	8.18	0.92	2.1	1.22	0	13
12	1.79	7.36	6.07	4.88	7.27	0.92	1.3	1.22	0	12
11	0.89	2.33	2.80	2.03	3.18	0.46	0.3	0.61	0	11

Form E



CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
PROGRAM FOR THE GIFTED
NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY/ PLACEMENT CONSENT

Date: _____

Student: _____

Dear Parent:

Your child has been determined to be eligible for placement in the Program for the Gifted. Enclosed for your records are copies of the Program Description and the Continuation Policy.

Your child's progress in the program will be reviewed and a determination of continuation in the program will be made annually. You will be informed in writing should your child's continuation in the program be in question. If it is determined that your child is to be withdrawn from the Program for the Gifted, prior notice will be given.

Please indicate your decision concerning your child's enrollment in the Program for the Gifted by signing and returning this form to your child's school. If you would like a conference to discuss your child's eligibility and placement, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Teacher of the Gifted

Check one:

I do agree for my child to be enrolled in the Program for the Gifted, and I have received a copy of the Continuation Policy.

I do not agree for my child to be enrolled in the Program for the Gifted.

Parent's signature

Date

Form F

**CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
PROGRAM FOR THE GIFTED
CONTINUATION POLICY**

Continued placement in the Program for the Gifted, according to the Georgia State Department of Education regulations and procedures, shall include satisfactory performance in gifted classes and must provide for a probationary period. To meet these requirements satisfactory performance shall be determined by maintenance of an overall “B” or 80+ average, and no grade below a 70 in academic subjects for which the student receives gifted education services. The student must also meet standards on the Georgia Milestones Test in the subject areas for which they receive gifted services.

Continued placement for gifted students shall consist of the above unless there are compelling reasons why special consideration should be given. These reasons must be documented.

Students failing to meet the continuation criteria are automatically placed on probation. Probation may last a minimum of one semester, but no more than two semesters. Parents will be notified in writing of this probation.

Students on probation who do not show improvement after two semesters will be automatically withdrawn from the program. Parents will be notified in writing prior to withdrawal. If withdrawn, a student may re-enter the Program for the Gifted upon meeting the specifications of the continuation criteria.

FORM G



CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
PROGRAM FOR THE GIFTED
NOTIFICATION OF INELIGIBILITY

Date: _____

Student: _____

Dear Parent:

This is to inform you that as a result of testing and evaluation, your child has been found to be ineligible for services in the Program for the Gifted.

The fact that your child was considered for the program is an honor of which you can be proud. It means your child is viewed as far above average in achievement, ability, motivation, and/or creativity. Rest assured—the Chattooga County School System will continue to work toward meeting your child's academic needs.

If you would like a conference to discuss your child's eligibility, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Gifted Coordinator

FORM H



CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

PROGRAM FOR THE GIFTED

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Student: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

School Year: _____

I. Delivery Model(s): check model(s) to be used.

____ Advanced Content including AP and Honors (K-12)

____ Innovative (1-2)

____ Cluster (K-12) *Written contract required

____ Resource (K-12)

____ Collaborative (K-12) *Written contract required

II. Contact Hours: per week

____ Advanced Content

____ Cluster

____ Collaborative

____ Innovative

____ Resource

III. Differentiated Curriculum

Curricula for gifted education learners must incorporate the SBOE approved curriculum. Local BOE curricula for gifted students shall focus on developing cognitive learning, research and reference, and metacognitive skills at each grade grouping, using principles of differentiation.

Differentiated instruction is a teaching theory based on the premise that instructional approaches should vary and be adapted in relation to individual and diverse students in classrooms (Tomlinson, 2011). The model of differentiated instruction requires teachers to be flexible in their approach to teaching and adjust the curriculum and presentation of information to learners rather than expecting students to modify themselves for the curriculum (Hall, 2011). Georgia Resource Manual for Gifted Education Services, 2019

III. Content Area:

The units and activities will have a focus in the following content areas: check area(s) served:

____ Language Arts

____ Math

____ Science

____ Social Studies

____ Foreign Language

IV. Standards: check one or more

____ SBOE Approved Standards

____ National Association for Gifted Children Performance Standards

____ Other: _____

Teacher of the Gifted

FORM I



**CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
GIFTED PROGRAM
CONTRACT FOR CLUSTER AND COLLABORATIVE CLASSROOMS**

STUDENT _____ DATE _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

TEACHER OF GIFTED _____

CONTRACT PERIOD OF TIME (check one)

- 1st semester 2nd semester
 school year of _____ Other _____

CONTACT TIME: (check one)

- a. 1 segment per day
b. 2 segments per day
c. 3 segments per day
d. 4 segments per day
e. 5 segments per day
f. 6 segments per day

CURRICULUM FOCUS: (check one or more)

The contract will have as a curriculum focus in the following content areas:

- a. Language Arts b. Science
c. Social Studies d. Mathematics e. Foreign Language

A differentiated curriculum for gifted learners includes the following expectations:

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Content: Complex and challenging subject matter that:

- Requires intellectual struggle
 Utilizes primary documents
 Integrates research skills and methods
 Incorporates relevant and real life experiences
 Integrates interdisciplinary connections

Process: Instructional strategies are designed to:

- Emphasize higher-order thinking, problem-solving and communications skills
 Foster self-initiated and self-directed learning
 Promote creative application of ideas
 Model and encourage academic discussion

Product: Gifted student products should demonstrate a developmentally appropriate capacity for:

- Self-directed learning
 Meaningful collaboration
 Effective problem solving of challenging and complex issues
 Social and emotional understanding of self relative to community, culture, and physical environment

Environmental: Physical setting and work conditions to:

- Change the actual place where students work
 Allow flexible time
 Provide opportunities for independent study and in-depth research
 Provide opportunities for mentorship

Assessment: Gifted learners need various methods and opportunities to document mastery of curriculum such as:

- Pre/Post test
 Self-assessment through rubrics
 Creation of goal-based checklists
 Conferencing, commentary, and qualitative feedback (Cobb, 2012)

Product Differentiation:

Materials/Activities:

FORM J



CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
PROGRAM FOR THE GIFTED
ANNUAL REVIEW

Student: _____

Date: _____

A review of your child's performance this school year in the Program for the Gifted and in the regular class has been completed by the teacher of the gifted. The review has determined that for school year _____ - _____:

_____ Continued placement in the Program for the Gifted is appropriate. Your child will continue in the program unless you disagree with this placement. If you disagree, please contact your child's teacher.

_____ Your child will continue in the Program for the Gifted on probation because the continuation criteria were not met. Your child exhibited unsatisfactory performance in the gifted content areas and/or gifted programs.

Comments:

Students who do not meet the continuation criteria after a probationary period of two semesters are withdrawn from the Program for the Gifted.

Gifted Coordinator



Chattooga County School System
Program for the Gifted
Notification of Probation

Date: _____

Dear Parent:

At this time, your child, _____, has demonstrated unsatisfactory performance in:

_____ the gifted class

_____ the regular class

Therefore, he/she has been placed on probation. This probation will last one semester. Probation may last a minimum of one semester, but no more than two semesters.

If you would like a conference to discuss your child's probation from the Program for the Gifted, please contact me.

Teacher of the Gifted

Parent's Signature

Date Returned

FORM L



CHATTOOGA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
PROGRAM FOR THE GIFTED
NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL

Date: _____

Student: _____

Dear Parent:

Your child will be withdrawn from the Program for the Gifted beginning _____ for the following reason(s):

1. _____ Failure to maintain continuation criteria (probation period expired).

Comments:

2. _____ Parent request.

3. _____ Other

Comments:

Your child may re-enter the Program for the Gifted upon meeting the specifications of the continuation criteria. Please notify your child's teacher once this takes place.

If you would like a conference to discuss your child's withdrawal from the Program for the Gifted, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Teacher of the Gifted

Parent Signature

Date

FORM M



RE-ENTRY TO THE PROGRAM FOR THE GIFTED

Student: _____

DOB: ____/____/____

School: _____

I am applying for my child to re-enter the gifted program effective: _____
Date

The reasons for prior withdrawal are:

____ Failure to maintain continuation criteria,

____ Parent Request,

____ Other: _____

I understand that my child must meet the Chattooga County School's continuation criteria prior to re-entry to the Program for the Gifted.

Teacher Use Only-Continuation Criteria

____ All of the continuation criteria have been met and student is eligible for re-entry.

____ The student is not eligible for re-entry.

Comments:

Gifted Coordinator

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

FORM N

Chattooga County Schools Program for the Gifted



Section Five Addendum

Addendum 1

Standard VI: Family and Community Involvement

Many opportunities are afforded to families and the community to become involved in gifted education. Parents and community members are encouraged to visit classrooms and engage with students in a variety of ways, including assisting with culminating projects and authentic tasks, attending field trips, and volunteering at a number of events. Community leaders routinely volunteer their services and engage with gifted students. These events are frequently published on social media and local news outlets.

Addendum 2

Standard V: Professional Development

Professional Development is provided through our local RESA office. Gifted classes are offered to all interested certified teachers at no cost to them.

Addendum 3

Standard II: Requirements for Student Assessment

Secondary Sources:

Secondary sources are used as another assessment when students of all races/ethnic backgrounds come close but fall short of the primary source indicators for gifted. These sources will be one of the assessment measures approved by Georgia Department of Education.

Chattooga County Schools Program for the Gifted



Section Six Gifted Programming Standards

Programming Standards for Meeting the Needs of Gifted & High-Ability Learners

Because Georgia school systems are dedicated to promoting the cognitive and affective growth of gifted and high-ability learners, the **Georgia Association for Gifted Children** and the **Georgia Department of Education** have collaborated to provide you with updated standards for your gifted education program. These recommendations are based on the *Revised National Association for Gifted Children PreK- 12 Gifted Programming Standards*.

Assessment

Standard A1: The local education agency (LEA) uses the research-based student identification process as established by Georgia Board of Education policy in order to ensure equitable access to appropriate services for all gifted learners.

Indicators

- > **A1.1:** The system employs multiple-criteria (mental ability, achievement, creativity, and motivation) for student identification using measures as required by GBOE Rule 160-4-2-.38.
- > **A1.2:** The system ensures consistency and availability across the district in implementation of screening, referral, and identification processes for all students regardless of race, ethnicity, language, or economic status.
- > **A1.3:** The identification process of gifted learners is disseminated to school personnel, parents/families, students, and the community at large in a clear, comprehensive, and equitable manner.

Standard A2: All teachers assess student progress in order to develop and modify instructional practices.

Indicators

- > **A2.1:** All teachers routinely and systematically use qualitative and quantitative assessment data to identify students' strengths to plan appropriate instruction and intervention.
- > **A2.2:** The system uses nationally normed (CogAT, Iowa Assessments, etc.) as well as alternative assessments for measuring gifted learners' progress, including above grade level assessments as needed.

Curriculum Planning & Instruction

Standard CP&I1: The LEA employs rigorous and relevant curricula K-12 to accommodate the range of academic and intellectual needs of gifted learners.

Indicators

- > **CP&I1.1:** State-adopted standards are articulated and applied in differentiated curricula that match the identified academic needs, abilities, readiness, interests, and learning profiles of K-12 gifted learners in the regular classroom and in gifted education delivery systems.
- > **CP&I1.2:** The curriculum enriches, extends, and accelerates learning in gifted learners' areas of strength.
- > **CP&I1.3:** The regular classroom curriculum and instruction are adapted, modified, or replaced to meet the needs of gifted learners.
- > **CP&I1.4:** Teachers use state and national standards to align, expand, and implement advanced curriculum to ensure that students achieve mastery in areas of student strength.

Standard CP&I2: The LEA employs diverse and effective instructional practices to address the learning needs of gifted learners.

Indicators

- > **CP&I2.1:** Teachers intentionally incorporate differentiation of content, process, product, and/or learning environment into daily practices in order to appropriately challenge and maximize engagement of gifted learners.
- > **CP&I2.2:** Teachers consistently use a variety of ongoing student assessment data based on readiness, interests, and learning profiles to develop flexible groups and tasks in order to maximize achievement and engagement.
- > **CP&I2.3:** The instructional pace is flexible in order to provide opportunities to enrich and accelerate in areas of student strengths.
- > **CP&I2.4:** Teachers use a variety of research-based instructional strategies.

Learning Environments

Standard LE1: The LEA requires learning experiences which foster personal and social responsibility, multicultural competence, and interpersonal and technical communication skills for citizenship in the global environment of the 21st century.

Indicators

- > **LE1.1:** The curriculum includes interdisciplinary, real-world learning experiences which incorporate advanced research and communication skills.
- > **LE1.2:** Resources designed to specifically address the needs of gifted learners, including critical and creative thinking, problem-solving activities, and social and self-awareness, are incorporated into the curriculum.
- > **LE1.3:** The LEA provides opportunities for students to learn with and from intellectual peers and experts.

Programming

Standard P1: The LEA provides a full continuum of options to meet the demonstrated needs of K-12 gifted learners in academic areas, the arts, and career technical education; services are comprehensive, structured, sequenced, and appropriately challenging.

Indicators

- > **P1.1:** The LEA provides additional funding for comprehensive services to meet the needs of gifted learners.
- > **P1.2:** The LEA communicates to stakeholders information that details the range of available service options.
- > **P1.3:** The LEA delegates responsibility for gifted education programming to district-level staff who have formal training in gifted education.
- > **P1.4:** The LEA provides a process for accelerating instruction and appropriate placement options when diagnostic information indicates that acceleration is obligatory.
- > **P1.5:** The LEA consistently uses appropriate criteria for clustering gifted and advanced learners according to their identified strengths within specified disciplines in grades K-12.
- > **P1.6:** The LEA establishes and implements a process for evaluating the effectiveness of services based upon district goals for gifted programming.

Professional Development

Standard PD1: Gifted education specialists participate in comprehensive professional learning that is relevant to needs of gifted learners.

Indicators

- > **PD1.1:** Professional learning is aligned with the national standards for gifted education.
- > **PD1.2:** Teachers and Coordinators who provide gifted and/or advanced level services have completed professional learning that culminated in endorsement in gifted education.
- > **PD1.3:** Gifted education teachers receive time to plan, implement, and refine professional learning experiences.

Standard PD2: All school personnel involved in the education of gifted learners participate in professional learning that focuses on the needs and characteristics of gifted learners.

Indicators

- > **PD2.1:** Administrators, counselors, teachers, and paraprofessionals receive ongoing professional learning annually regarding the nature and needs of gifted learners and appropriate instructional strategies and curricula.
- > **PD2.2:** The LEA actively supports participation in professional learning for gifted education.

For More Information

Visit: - <https://www.gagc.org>

- <https://www.gadoe.org> (gifted education)

Call: - GAGC at 706-309-0304

- GaDOE at 470-763-1087

Resources:

- *Revised National Association for Gifted Children*

Pre-K-12 Gifted Programming Standards (www.nagc.org)

- [Georgia Department of Education Resource Manual for Gifted Education Services](#)



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