

Quitman County Schools
Program for Gifted

Initial Letter to Parents

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Dear Parents:

Your child is being considered for the Gifted Program. This letter will explain the evaluation process and the eligibility criteria.

Information concerning your child is gathered in these four areas: mental ability, achievement, creativity, and motivation. To qualify for the Gifted program, a child must meet three of the four following criteria as established by the Georgia State Board of Education Rule #160-4-2.38:

- 96th percentile on a mental ability test
- 90th percentile in reading, math or total battery on an achievement test
- 90th percentile on a creativity test
- 90th percentile on a motivation test

The evaluation process includes the following steps:

- A referral form is completed by the parent which includes student information and parental permission for evaluation is initiated.
- Vision and hearing screening tests are administered (and must be passed)
- Students will be administered a form of each of the required tests.
- Test scores and other pertinent information are submitted to the System Eligibility Committee.
- The Eligibility Committee reviews the data and determines the eligibility of the student in accordance with the state guidelines. The evaluation process is not complete until the Eligibility Committee meets and determines student eligibility.
- Parents are informed of the results of the committee's decision. If a student has met the eligibility criteria, a placement conference may be scheduled.
- Students must meet eligibility continuation criteria in order to remain in the program.

If you decide to have your child evaluated, please complete the attached form and return it to me as soon as possible. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the Gifted program in detail, please feel free to call me.

Yours truly,

Gifted Coordinator

_____ School

