

# Gifted and Talented



Students in grades three through five have the opportunity, based on academic performance, to be placed in our Academic Gifted and Talented Program. The "Special Class Model" is used for instruction. In these classes, students are offered an accelerated instructional program that is aligned to South Carolina State Standards. In South Carolina, students in the Gifted and Talented class are identified either locally or at the State level. Students who have been State identified will remain in the Gifted and Talented class as long as it is offered by the school. Additionally, if a State identified Gifted and Talented student transfers from our school to any other school in South Carolina, they will automatically be placed in the other school's Gifted and Talented Program. Locally identified students risk the possibility of being removed from the Gifted and Talented class from year to year based on their previous year's academic achievement. Items that are considered for Gifted and Talented placement include the Performance Task Assessment, CogAT, ITBS, SC Ready, OLSAT, report card grades, and teacher evaluation.

## **Referral Process**

Referral procedures ensure that students who have demonstrated ability or potential for high performance in academic areas will have access to the Gifted and Talented Program. In accordance with R 43-220, Dorchester District Four's procedures allow for referrals from administrators, parents, teachers, and the students themselves.

## **Screening Process**

Dorchester District Four screens all second grade students with regard to aptitude, using the CogAT, and achievement, using the ITBS.

All students are tested for Dimension B each year using MAP (2nd Grade) or STAR Reading and Math (3rd-5th Grades) as well as the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY).

Parents, teachers, or students may request, through the Guidance Department, Dr. Nancy Britt-Stevens, OR Dr. Gwendolyn Bright, that the OLSAT be administered for Dimension A aptitude during the designated referral window.

Testing is not used for the removal of students who are already placed in the program. Once State identified, students do not have to qualify again for the Gifted and Talented Program each year. However, locally identified students must qualify each year.

**Please look under forms for the 2018-2019 Gifted and Talented Screening Notification Form.**