

GADCA Gifted Education Services Referral & Eligibility

Gifted qualifications are set forth by Georgia Department of Education guidelines and implemented in accordance with specific Destinations Career Academy of Georgia program criteria. Once a student is qualified in the state of Georgia for the Gifted program, he or she will not have to retest. Gifted testing takes place in the 2nd semester of each academic year. For the 2024-2025 school year, student referrals will be accepted Monday, January 13, 2025, through Monday, January 27, 2025. During this period, please complete the brief referral survey at: <https://forms.office.com/r/Mz29FRpAjQ>

Gifted Program Criteria

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

- Any data used to establish eligibility in one category shall not be used to establish eligibility in another category.
- Any piece of information used to establish eligibility shall be current within 2 years.
- A rating scale can be used for either motivation or creativity, not for both.

Option A

To be eligible for gifted services, students must have a qualifying score in the mental ability AND achievement categories.

Mental Ability
Achievement
Creativity
Motivation

Option B

To be eligible for gifted services, students must qualify in three of the four areas:

Mental Ability
Achievement
Creativity
Motivation



Process

Step 1:

- Suggested Referral: A student is referred for consideration by teachers, counselors, administrators, or parent/guardians with knowledge of student’s academic abilities

and/or

- Automatic Referral: Students who score at specified levels on nationally norm-referenced tests

Step 2:

- Eligibility Team: The eligibility team uniformly considers information collected on student referrals. The team decides if it is appropriate to proceed with formal evaluation.

Step 3:

If the Eligibility team decided that it is appropriate to proceed:

- Formal Evaluation: Student is referred for Gifted Education in Mental Ability, Achievement, Creativity, and Motivation

If the Eligibility team decided that additional evaluation is not needed:

- Not Eligible: General Education

Step 4:

- Eligibility Team: Reviews assessment results and makes recommendations
 - if Eligible: Gifted Services Recommendation
 - if Not Eligible: General Education

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Date Received: _____

Action Taken: _____

Notes: _____