

Cullman City Schools Gifted Program

PHILOSOPHY

The staff of Cullman City Schools recognizes that each individual is different and of unique value. Each student has varied personal interests, talents, and needs. Intellectually gifted children and youth are those who perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. These children and youth require services not ordinarily provided by the regular school program. Children and youth possessing these abilities can be found in all populations, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor.

Gifted students may be found within any race, ethnicity, economic class, or nationality. In addition, some students with disabilities may be gifted. The Cullman City School System shall prohibit discrimination against any student on the above basis with respect to his/her participation in the program.

REFERRALS / ELIGIBILITY

Referrals may be made at any time by parents, teachers, peers, and the student him/herself, or anyone with knowledge of the student. Referral forms are available in each elementary school office, the Central Office of Cullman City Schools, or from the Gifted Coordinator. All second grade students in our system are screened annually for possible gifted placement.

Cullman City Schools follows the Alabama State Code criteria for gifted eligibility. This includes but is not limited to data collection in the following areas:

Aptitude: Aptitude is assessed through an individual or group test of intelligence or creativity.

Characteristics: A behavior rating scale that is designed to assess gifted behaviors is completed by teachers or other persons with knowledge of the student.

Performance: A least three indicators of performance are required. These may include grades, achievement test scores, work samples, etc.

Scores from the above mentioned assessment items are entered on a state matrix where points are assigned according to established criteria. Total number of points earned determines if a student qualifies for gifted services as per state criteria.

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