**GIFTED SCREENING/EVALUATION TIMELINES**

**2020-2021**

All 2nd grade students are assessed each year to identify those who may be eligible for gifted services. Students at any grade level (K-1, 3-12) in the St. Johns County School District are screened for gifted evaluation on a referral basis.

Following are the timelines for gifted screenings and evaluations:

1. School counselors complete all referrals on transfer students and private evaluations and submit to school psychologists……………………………………………………………………………..As received

2. Deadline to request gifted screening (submitted to school counselor) ………………....Referrals for grades other than 2nd may be submitted as needed.

3. Letter to parents of 2nd grade students regarding screening dates to be sent home with students

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4. Screening of all 2nd grade students (via computer administered (CogAT) ……………..Dec.7-18,2020

5. School staff send letters to parents of 2nd grade students who qualify for further evaluation

(re: screening results, to include Parent Consent for Evaluation and Procedural Safeguards)........ ……………..............……………..….……..Jan.8, 2021

6. Counselors complete all 2nd grade referrals and submit to school psychologists ………... Feb.3, 2021

7. Second grade gifted evaluations completed ………………………………...Within 90 days of Consent

8. Determination of eligibility/ineligibility of 2nd grade students evaluated at respective schools ……………………………………………………………………………………....As evaluations are completed

9. School staff host EP meetings for all eligible students……...…Within 30 calendar days of eligibility

Individual Screening for Gifted

Anyone, at any time, may request screening for gifted. Gifted screening is completed by the school counselor. The Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test 2 (K-BIT2) or the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is used as an individual screener. Additionally, teachers who know the student complete a teacher checklist of characteristics as part of the referral. This checklist has 20 items and a simple majority (11 out of 20) must be checked. After screening and checklist(s) are completed, the school counselor will obtain parent consent for evaluation. Screening results, teacher checklist(s) and consent make up the gifted referral. This referral is sent to the school psychologist for further assessment using an individually administered test of cognitive ability. Students must score 130 or higher on this evaluation (two standard deviations above the mean (97%) or higher). (Note: 1. Kindergarten is the earliest we can identify gifted students. 2. There is a Plan B eligibility process for students from underrepresented populations.)

All Second Grade Screening

Gifted screening for all 2nd graders will be administered in December 2020. Students who meet eligibility using this screener are referred for further individual testing with one of our school psychologists. Checklist and consent must be gathered. (Note: This screener sometimes does not identify truly gifted students and conversely sometimes the screener sends students to further evaluation who do not score in the intellectually gifted range).