

GIFTED SCREENING/EVALUATION TIMELINES

2022-2023

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

Following is the calendar for gifted screenings and evaluations for the 2022-23 school year.

1. District staff provide information to schools regarding gifted screening/evaluation process for inclusion in school newsletters/websites.....Summer 2022
2. School counselors complete all referrals on transfer students and private evaluations and submit to school psychologists for review.....As received
3. Requests for gifted screening (submitted to school counselors)Referrals for grades other than 2nd may be submitted as needed.
4. Letter to parents of 2nd grade students regarding screening sent home with studentsSept.19,2022
5. Screening of all 2nd grade students (*coordinated by gifted itinerants and school staff, as needed*)Oct.3-14,2022
6. 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).....As Completed, November, 2022
7. School counselors complete all 2nd grade referrals and submit to school psychologists Nov. 30, 2022
8. Second grade gifted evaluations completedWithin 90 days of Consent
9. Determination of eligibility of 2nd grade evaluations at respective schools As Completed
10. School staff host EP meetings for all evaluated students (both eligible **and ineligible**)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 who will obtain parent consent for evaluation. The CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) and/or the K-BIT2 (Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test) may be used as a screener. Additionally, a teacher who knows the student must complete a teacher checklist of characteristics as part of a referral. This checklist has 20 items and a simple majority (11) must be checked. After screening and checklist are completed, screening results, teacher checklist and consent make up the gifted referral. This is then sent to the school psychologist for further testing using an individually administered test of cognitive ability. Students must score 130 or higher on this test (two standard deviations above the mean (97%) or higher). (Note: Kindergarten is the earliest we can identify gifted students.)

Mass Second Grade Screening

The gifted screening that is done at 2nd grade is usually administered in October. Teachers administer this assessment to their whole class at the same time. Students who meet eligibility using this screener are then referred for further individual testing by one of our school psychologists. Checklist and consent must be gathered. (Note: This test sometimes does not identify truly gifted students and conversely sometimes the screener sends students to further testing who do not score in the intellectually gifted range).