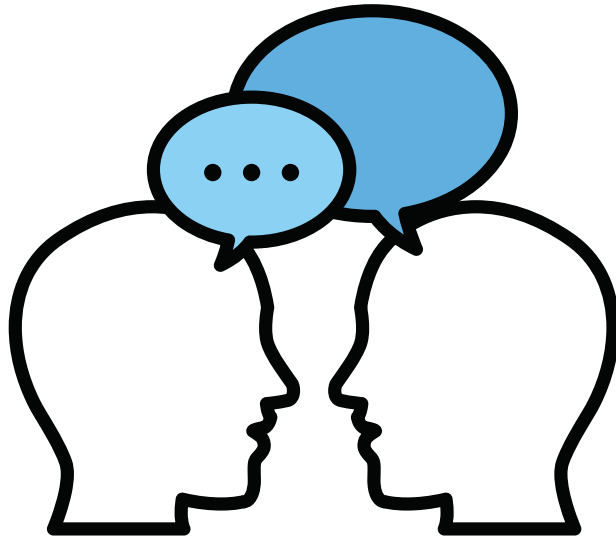


Macon County Schools

Talented & Gifted Education Program



Who are gifted children? Gifted children perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. All second-grade students enrolled in the Macon County School system will be observed as potential gifted referrals.

Can a student be referred outside of the second-grade child-find process? A student may be referred for consideration for gifted services by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, and other individuals knowledgeable of the student's abilities. This process is called a standard referral.

After the referral, what comes next? Evaluations? Yes, following the referral, the next step is the initiation of evaluations for gifted testing. All students identified as potential gifted referrals are assessed in the following areas: Aptitude, Behavior, and Performance. These evaluations typically involve assessing aptitude through intelligence or creativity tests, evaluating performance in academic or creative fields, and using a behavior rating scale to identify gifted characteristics. Evaluations are assessed utilizing the Alabama State Department of Education Eligibility Criteria.

For more information regarding gifted services, please contact Ms. Tiffany Dorn, Gifted Specialist (Special Education Department) at 334-727-1600.