

Chester County School District's Mission

The mission of Chester County's Gifted and Talented Program is to maximize the potential of academically talented learners by providing programs and services which match their unique characteristics and needs.

How is a child nominated for a Gifted & Talented evaluation?

Students who have demonstrated ability or potential for high performance in academic areas may be referred for screening. Parents or teachers may refer a student. A referral form should be filled out and turned into a GT teacher or Principal.



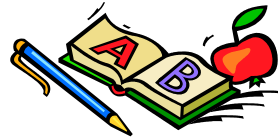
For more information on gifted learners, visit www.nagc.org and also visit our school district's website @ www.chester.k12.sc.us, then click on Departments, Academics, and Gifted and Talented.

How are Gifted and Talented Students Served?

Grades 1-2: Strategies and activities are provided by GT teachers to enrich classroom instruction.

Grade 3: Enrichment is provided through a pull-out program for 135 minutes per week.

Grades 4-5: Enrichment is provided through a pull-out program for one day per week.



Grades 6-12: Gifted students are served in special classes for Language Arts and/or Math based on their area of qualification. These classes provide challenging and rigorous materials for the differentiated instruction provided. High schools offer honors classes in the core curriculum courses, along with Advanced Placement and dual credit college courses.

Academically Gifted and Talented Program

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What are the characteristics of an Academically Gifted and Talented Student?

- Learns easily and quickly
- Thinks clearly, recognizes implied relationships, comprehends meanings
- Reads on the average two years above grade level
- Retains what she/he has heard or read without appearing to need much rote or drill
- Possesses a large vocabulary
- Exhibits independence, individualism, self-sufficiency
- Demonstrates a curious and investigative nature
- Asks penetrating, searching questions
- Focuses intently on areas of interest
- Produces original products or ideas



Qualifying and Eligibility

Students must qualify in two or three dimensions as defined by the State Department of Education.

Dimension A – Aptitude

The CogAt test is administered to all 2nd graders. Other test options for 3rd-6th graders are the Otis Lenon, and Naglieri. A score of 93% is needed to qualify for this dimension.

Dimension B- Achievement

Students must score in the 94th percentile. The ITBS is administered to all 2nd graders. Other test options are Terra Nova, FALL MAP scores on reading or math, Advanced PACT scores on reading or math.

Dimension C- Performance

STAR Performance Task Test is administered to students who meet one of the dimensions above. The student may take the test once in 2nd or 3rd grade and once in 4th or 5th grade. Scores vary on each grade leveled test.

Rising 7th Grade and Above
3.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale from the previous year.

Private testing may not be used to determine eligibility for gifted services.

Who are the Gifted and Talented students?

In the Chester County School District, the functional definition for “gifted” is established by the South Carolina Board of Education as Regulation 43-220 GIFTED AND TALENTED.

1. Gifted and talented students are those who are identified...as demonstrating high performance ability or potential in academic...areas and therefore require an educational program beyond that normally provided by the general school program in order to achieve their potential.
2. Gifted and talented abilities for these regulations include... Students who have the academic and/or intellectual potential to function at a high level in one or more academic areas.



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