

# Intellectually Gifted DISCOVERY



Creativity is  
intelligence having  
fun.

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## What is Gifted?

The label "Gifted" in a school setting means when compared to others of the same age or grade, a student has an advanced capacity to learn and apply what is learned in one or more subject areas. This advanced capacity requires modifications to the regular curriculum to ensure these students are challenged and learn new material. Gifted does not mean good or better, it is a term used when identifying students for services that meet their unique learning needs.

## MCS Discovery Program

Discovery is a "pull out" program for grades 2-6 where intellectually gifted students are grouped together by grade for up to a maximum 300 minutes per week to participate in enrichment activities and lessons designed to meet their specific learning needs. This is different from the traditional academic curriculum they receive in their regular classroom settings.

## Gifted Outcomes

Marshall County Schools follow the Mississippi Gifted Outcomes available at <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ESE/ALGP>. These outcomes are guidelines per MS state law that gifted teachers must follow when providing students with enrichment activities/lessons. There are 6 outcomes and they are Thinking Skills, Creativity, Information Literacy, Success Skills, Affective Skills, and Communication Skills.

The Byhalia Elementary and Middle IG Discovery Program will help enhance, and maximize the development of intellectually gifted learners, as defined by the MS Department of Education, by providing unique and appropriate educational experiences that are qualitatively different and are not available in the regular academic classroom settings. A few examples that gifted students may participate in are science experiments, book studies, writing in a journal, Project based learning activities, and educational strategy based games.

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## Common Misconceptions

1. Gifted students have the best grades in class.

Unfortunately, this is false. According to education.com many times parents and teachers can be confused when differentiating between a bright student and a gifted student. Below are some of the differences between bright and gifted students.

### Bright students

- Know the answers
- Listens with interest
- Answers the questions
- Enjoys same age peers
- Has good ideas
- Is good at memorizing

### Gifted students

- Ask the questions
- Get bored easy and daydreams
- Questions the answers
- Prefers adults or older children
- Has wild or silly ideas
- Are good at guessing

2. This student can't be gifted, they have a disability

Some gifted students also have learning disabilities. These twice exceptional students can often go undetected in the regular classrooms because their disability and giftedness mask each other.

## Testing and Referrals

### Annual Testing

The Marshall County School District tests all first grade students during the spring of each school year to determine eligibility for further intellectual testing

### Referrals

Students may also be referred for further testing by a teacher, administrator, counselor, parent, or any person having reason to believe a student may be gifted.

### Further Testing

The district will administer a maximum of 2 tests. If there is adequate evidence the student will meet the state's minimum criteria