

Sheridan School District Gifted Programs

Referral and Placement Process

1. Referral of Students for Evaluation of Giftedness by:
 - a. Parents
 - b. Teachers
 - c. Peers
 - d. Self
 - e. High scores on standardized tests

2. Collection of Data
 - a. Group non-verbal exam
 - b. Intelligence tests
 - c. Creativity sample
 - d. High 90th percentiles on standardized tests
 - e. Teacher ratings

3. Evaluation of Data
 - a. Identification committee decision
 - i. Composed of five school officials chaired by the GT Coordinator
 - ii. Consensus must be obtained for placement
 - b. Blind Screening
 - i. Student academic profile sheets are coded for impartialty and fairness
 - ii. Decisions based on Arkansas Department of Education guidelines

4. Placement Decision
 - a. Parents notified whether placed in programs or not
 - b. Parents grant written permission for placement
 - c. Parents may discuss the results of the committee with the GT Coordinator

5. Process
 - a. Each officially-listed gifted student is monitored during each school year
 - b. Students may be removed by committee consensus during annual review
 - c. Parents may request voluntary exit from program (letter to GT Coordinator)

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